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U.S. Believed Transferring More Warcraft to Britain

Step Expected One of Dramatic Measures Planned by President

Washington, Mar. 11.

THERE is reason to believe that President Roosevelt will announce the transfer of another batch of destroyers to Britain shortly after signing the "Lease-and-Lend" Bill.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now the Bill is passed, many legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it, but should really render all aid short of war.

The Senate unanmously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognize the transfer of any region in the western hemisphere from one non-American Power to another. The resolution provides that if such transfer appears likely "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult the other American Republics to determine upon steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives yesterday unanimously agreed on procedure whereby after a two hours' debate on the "Lease-and-Lend" Bill today a further vote would be taken on a proposal to agree to all Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (Republican: Michigan) told reporters yesterday that in two roll calls 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain, either for the "Lease-and-Lend" Bill or Senator Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of $2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll call might disclose."—Reuter.

Bill to Be Signed

Washington, Mar. 11.

The momentous Lend-Lease bill moved nearer to final Congressional passage and presidenial signature yesterday when the House of Representatives agreed to limit acceptance debate today to two hours.

Representatives unanimously agreed to limit debate under procedure calling for acceptance of all Senate amendments on a single motion.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, Democrat of Texas, today said that President Roosevelt expected to send to Congress on Wednesday the first British aid appropriations request if Congressional action on the "Lend-Lease" Bill was completed today.

Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President, and Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky and Senate Majority Floor Leader, conferred with President Roosevelt yesterday concerning the appropriations request. The amount was not disclosed but was believed to be between US$1,000,000,000 and US$3,000,000,000.

Planes, Ships for Britain

Supplies which can be spread by the United States Army and Navy, including aeroplanes and ships, will be the first assistance America will despatch to Britain under the Lend-Lease bill, it was understood here yesterday.

President Roosevelt plans to either issue a statement or broadcast a "fireside" chat to the nation after signing the "Lend-Lease" Bill on Wednesday, it was understood here yesterday.

President Roosevelt would explain the general purpose of the bill in the talk or announcement, said competent sources.—United Press.

R.A.F. Busy Over Channel Again

No Enemy Aircraft Met in Three Attacks on French Coast; London Alert

London, Mar. 11.

Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the Channel and occupied France yesterday afternoon, says an Air Ministry communique.

Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered, and one British fighter was missing. There was no opposition by enemy aircraft.

London had a brief alert in the early hours of darkness last night but no air-raid incidents were reported. Enemy activity during daylight was mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England. Little damage and no casualties were reported.

Cologne was the main target of British raids on Western Germany last night, after a lull of a week due mainly to adverse weather conditions.

Other formations attacked invasion ports in German-Controlled territory.

"Industrial centres in Cologne were raided by planes of the Royal Air Force last night in good weather, which made results easy to observe," says an Air Ministry communique published this morning.

Bombs were seen to burst on the approaches to the Hohenzollern Bridge, the communique says, and large fires started. Many other fires were observed, and there were several explosions.

The weather was less favourable over German naval bases in occupied territory, which were also attacked. Good results, however, were observed at Bologne.

Docks at Cherbourg and Brest were raided, and offensive fighter patrols carried out attacks on aerodromes in northern France.

Two bombers and one fighter plane are missing from these operations.

Civilian Damage Reported

Reports on the latest raids on England show that in London a hospital building was set on fire by incendiary bombs, but that the flames were soon put out. A cinema also caught fire and was damaged by incendiaries.

Fire fighting forces in one small coast town dealt promptly with a shower of incendiaries dropped over a wide area, but a row of shops and a church were damaged.

A single German raider which attempted to attack a number of British ships lying off an east coast town yesterday morning was met be fierce anti-aircraft fire, and several shells were seen to explode close to the plane.

The raider's bombs fell harmlessly into the sea, and the aircraft was last seen disappearing into a cloud with two British fighters on its tail.

Only three per cent. of London's population use public shelters during air raids, Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, stated at Cardiff today when quoting actual census figures.

Five Raiders Downed

The Portsmouth area was the main objective of German raiders last night, it is officially stated.

Three German raiders were shot down, and two more possibly accounted for, an Air Ministry communique stated.—Reuter.

Norwegian Ship Downs Nazi Plane

London, Mar. 11.

A Norwegian merchant ship has destroyed a twin-engined German plane which attacked her. The only casualty on the vessel was one man slightly wounded.—Reuter.

Gayda Declares Bill "American Act of Intervention in European Conflict"

U.S. Warned "Enormous War Industries Will Lose Their Customers When Peace Comes"

Rome, Mar. 10.

Mr. Virginio Gayda, editor of the "Giornale d'Italia," commenting on the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill by the American Senate under the title of "Provocation of War," declared that President Roosevelt's signature of the measure making it law would obviously be an act of intervention in the European conflict and a voluntary start toward American participation in the war.

The paper asserted that Woodrow Wilson's belligerent policy would be renewed by the signing of the measure, and make the United States foresake its neutrality.

Warning the United States that "enormous war indutries will lose their customers" when peace comes, Gayda declared that the United States will see "a terrific" social and financial collapse, while Europe and Asia will not forget America's war policy started by Washington against their vital interests.—Domei.

Navy Ready to Act

New York, Mar. 10.

If President Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease bill on Wednesday, March 12, as expected, the Navy Department will take steps to make the bill immediately operative, a "New York Times" despatch from Washington revealed today.

The Navy Department, which most likely will be the first agency to act, the "New York Times" report said, will probably proceed under the provisions authorizing the President to sell, transfer, exchange, lease or lend, or otherwise dispose of "arms, munitions, planes and ships" to Britain and other nations.

The Navy Department at present has 15 cruisers which could proceed to Britain at a moment's notice, the "New York Times" report added.—Domei.

Harriman Leaves for Britain

New York, Mar. 10.

Mr. William Harriman, Chairman of the Union Pacific Railway Company, left by Clipper plane for Lisbon today on his way to Great Britain as President Roosevelt's personal envoy.

His mission will be to organize and speed up shipments of war material from the United States to Great Britain, in accordance with the provisions of the "Lend and Lease" Bill.

Before boarding the Clipper plane, Mr. Harriman told newspapermen that the Bill would be signed and would become law by the time he arrived in London.

Mr. Harriman has been participating in the work of the National Defence Committee, particularly insofar as the speeding up of the American rearmament programme is concerned.—Havas Telemondial.

Mr. Matsuoka Leaving For Berlin Today

Strengthening of Ties With Axis Powers Seen

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

For the second time in Japanese history, a Foreign Minister will go abroad when Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka leaves on a visit to the Axis capitals tomorrow.

Significantly, the second such trip is taking place when Japanese diplomacy is being reorientated as it was when Baron Jutaro Komura proceeded to Portsmouth, Massachusetts, to conclude a peace treaty with Imperial Russia at the invitation of the President of the United States, the late Mr. Theodore Roosevelt.

An official Foreign Office press release at 5 o'clock this afternoon (6 o'clock Shanghai time) announced that Mr. Matsuoka would leave Tokyo at 10.35 o'clock tomorrow night for Berlin via Siberia. It was revealed that the Foreign Minister will transfer to the Trans-Siberian train at Manchouli next Monday.

The Foreign Office release read. Mr. Matsuoka will shortly visit Germany and Italy to exchange personal felicitations with and to meet the leaders of Germany and Italy in connection with the conclusion of the tripartite Pact.

"Views regarding the intended trip were exchanged among the three Governments immediately after the conclusion of the treaty, but the duties of the Foreign Minister so far have prevented him from acting thereon.

"The Foreign Minister will incidentally avail himself of the opportunity to make a personal observation on the spot of the situation in Europe."

Twofold Objective

Mr. Matsuoka, who will proceed directly to Berlin, may visit Moscow on his homeward journey. Mr. Matsuoka made the trans-Siberian trip in 1932 on his way to Geneva to attend the epochal extraordinary session of the League of Nations which resulted in Japan's withdrawal from the Geneva body over the Manchurian Incident.

Political observers here discerned a twofold objective in Mr. Matsuoka's trip. The first, it was believed, would be to strengthen ties with the Axis Powers, in keeping with the fundamental Japanese policy embodied in the Tripartite Pact signed in Berlin on September 27, 1940 under which Japan's diplomacy has been based upon cooperation with Germany and Italy in the military, economic and political phases.

The second, it was believed, was to obtain first hand information on conditions in Europe which form the pivot of worldwide developments.

Konoye to Take Over

Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye will take over the Foreign Affairs Portfolio during Mr. Matsuoka's absence, it was decided at the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

The Foreign Minister will be accompanied by Mr. Tamao Sakamoto, Director of the Bureau of European and Asiatic Affairs of the Foreign Office; Mr. Toshikazu Kase, Secretary to the Foreign Minister; Mr. Shinsaku Hogen, Secretary of the Foreign Office; Mr. Shinichi Hasegawa, Research Secretary; Mr. Yoshio Noguchi, Secretary-Interpreter; Mr. Shirokichi Kusano, Chancellor of the Foreign Office; Mr. Mitsugoro Funakoshi, Chancellor of the Foreign Office; Mr. Toshikazu Nakanishi, Extranumerary Secretary; Mr. Kinkazu Saionji, Extranumerary Secretary; Colonel Yatsuji Nagai, and Commander Shigeru Fujii. Mr. Nichi Okamura, special correspondent of Domei, will make the trip with the party.

Mr. Saionji, who is the grandson of the late Genro Prince Kimmochi Saionji, was stationed in Nanking as a member of the staff of General Nobuyuki Abe, former Ambassador in Nanking, and took a prominent part in the negotiations leading to the conclusion of the basic Sino-Japanese Pact signed at Nanking on November 30, 1940.

Mr. Sakamoto was formerly Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in Rome from where he returned last autumn.—Domei.

Mr. Matsuoka Speaks

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, today told the Japanese press that he had desired to make a trip to Berlin and Rome ever since

[United Press.

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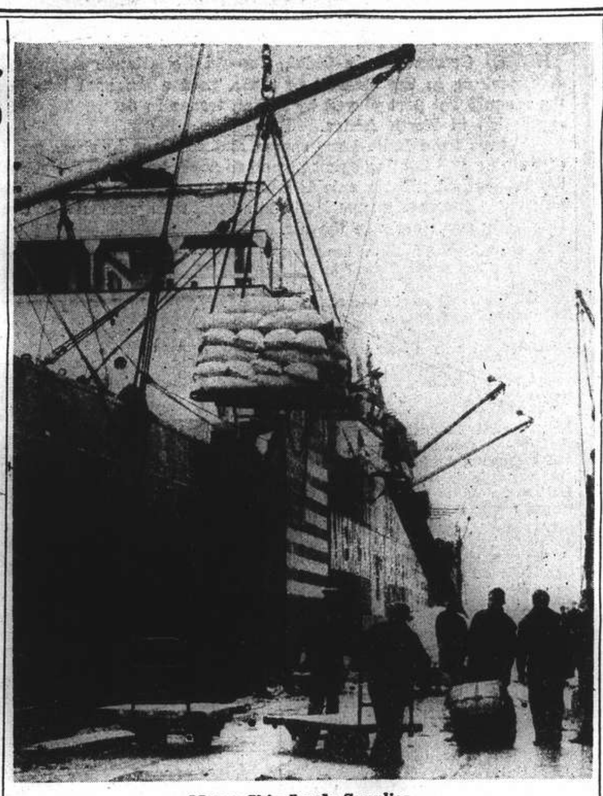
Daylight Saving to Begin on March 15

All clocks in Shanghai will be advanced one hour from midnight, Saturday, March 15, with the coming into force of the Daylight Savings scheme adopted by the Shanghai Municipal Council, the French Municipal Council and the Shanghai Municipal Government.

In a communiqué issued yesterday by the S.M.C. the Municipal administrations concerned requested public and private bodies and individuals to co-operate in giving effect to the scheme which is considered in the best interests of the Shanghai public.



Mercy Ship Loads Supplies

This is the American Red Cross ship Cold Harbor, taking on supplies for Spain and unoccupied France. She sailed with the consent of the British Government to bring relief to those urgently in need of it. Britain has refused to sanction regular shipments of food to German-occupied territories on the ground that they would prolong the war. The Cold Harbor has already arrived in France.

Understanding With Vichy On Blockade Still Hoped

British Stand Against Entry of Foodstuffs to France Explained by Economic Warfare Ministry

London, Mar. 11.

THE statement by Admiral Francois Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, that French warships would escort French cargo ships if the British continued their "interference," was commented upon by a spokesman of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare last night.

The spokesman told Reuters' diplomatic correspondent: "Admiral Darlan stated he was still hopeful of an understanding with Britain over this matter. We in this country hoped, and continue to hope, that France will understand our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government always would be prepared to consider them, but so far no proposals have been put forward.

"It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic cooperation with Germany. Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not 40,000,000 people in France, but many times that number of enslaved people of Europe, including those same 40,000,000 Frenchmen."

The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France, but this scarcely reflects any German generosity since they are only returning a fraction of what they have looted in France in seven months, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

U.S.A. Interested

Washington, Mar. 11.

It is regarded here as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Great Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here. How far, however, the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from Britain, is a matter of conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to unoccupied France.—Reuter.

Vichy Threatens "War"

New York, Mar. 11.

The Vichy Government yesterday threatened to embark on a policy which almost certainly would lead to armed clashes and "even possible war" with Great Britain.

[United Press.

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R.A.F. Power in Middle East Stiffens to Meet Menace

British Airmen Declared in Position to Take Up Initiative; "Flying Weather" Expected in Africa

London, Mar. 11.

THE Royal Air Force continues to grow more powerful in the Middle East and the Balkans as the Italian menace dwindles and the German air threat looms larger.

It can be assumed that the Royal Air Force is in a position to give a good account of itself to hold the Luftwaffe and extend its field of activity, independent or as a curtain for the British army. The initiative should not even rest with the German air force.

Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former area and difficult in Africa.

Hitler, stepping into the breach to save Italy from collapse, to safeguard his back-door and prepare another platform for attack against British interests, is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean. From Rumania, the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier and also, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany receives oil supplies from Russia.

Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. Libya and the Dodecanese Islands both have quotas, as yet small, of German aircraft.

There is little doubt that the marked lull in British air activity over Germany and occupied territory has been due chiefly to the weather. It is clear, however, that the Germans are fully alive to the danger of the next British air strokes wherever they may be delivered. Reminders to the German public to take cover are becoming constant.—Reuter.

Malta Attacked

Malta, Mar. 11.

Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides at noon yesterday according to a communique. A formation of bombers came over the south coast but did not release bombs. Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110's attacked and machine-gunned a seaplane base. Ground defences were engaged.

This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been more than, 400 raids on Malta.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Bombs Tripoli Again

Cairo, Mar. 11.

Tripoli harbour was again attacked during Saturday night, and bombs dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania states yesterday's R.A.F. communique.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodrome of Diredawa despite the attempted interception by Italian fighters. A direct hit was also obtained on a train approaching the town, and another on the station at Addagalla.

In the Keren area of Eritrea, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned while other bombers were harassing an Italian column retreating from Burye and bombed a village near Debra Marcos.—Reuter.

Italian Cruiser Sunk

London, Mar. 11.

An Italian cruiser of the Condottieri A class has been torpedoed and almost certainly sunk by a British submarine, stated an Admiralty announcement last night.

The cruiser was escorted by two destroyers, and for two hours after the cruiser was seen to be hit, the destroyers were seen to be alternately circling round and stopping, evidently for the purpose of picking up survivors.

The Italian Condottieri A class cruisers are ships of over 5,000 tons, mounting eight six-inch guns. The class originally consisted of four ships, one of which—the Bartolomeo Colleoni—was sunk last July.—Reuter.

France Loses Indo-China Territory

Japan's Mediation Plan Agreed to; Thai Secures Former Territory

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Providing for the retrocession to Thailand of large portions of territory in Laos and Cambodia which were secured by France under a series of conventions with Siam during the 19th and 20th centuries, the terms of the mediation proposed by Japan for settlement of the Thai-French Indo-China border conflict were signed at the official residence of the Premier at 4 o'clock this afternoon (5 o'clock Shanghai time).

These concessions were revealed in a communique by Japan, France and Thailand announcing the conclusion of the mediation conference which was issued by the Board of Information this afternoon. The announcement read:

"Since the mediation conference for settlement of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute opened in Tokyo with its first formal session held on February 7, three informal meetings have been held besides daily individual conversations in which the mediators have steadily exercised their good offices to bring about an agreement of views of the two countries concerned.

"As a result of these endeavours, it became clear that an agreement could, in all probability, be reached. The mediators, therefore, presented a plan of mediation at the fourth informal meeting held on February 24 following which they continued to persuade the two parties concerned to accept that plan.

"The governments of France and Thailand accepted it with some modifications and initialled the terms of mediation at 4 o'clock this afternoon, March 11.

"The essential points of the mediation terms are as follows:

1. France cedes to Thailand the district of Paklay which is mentioned in Article 11 of the Convention between France and Siam concluded on February 13, 1904, and the region lying to the north of the boundary line beween the provinces of Battambang and Pursat, and the region lying on the right bank of the Mekong River bounded in the south by a line running northward along longitude from a point touching Grand Lac and the southernmost end of the boundary line between the provinces of Siemreap and Battambang, to the crossing point of that longitude and a line of 15 degrees of latitude and then eastward along that line of latitude to the Mekong River. However, a small area lying opposite to Stung Treng, on the Mekong River, is reserved to French Indo-China.

2. All of the above-mentioned ceded territories are to be made demilitarized zones and French nationals and the people of French Indo-China are to enjoy absolutely equal treatment with the nationals of Thailand throughout these areas with respect to their entry, domicile and occupations and their pursuit.

3. The government of Thailand will respect the mausolea of the Luang Prabang Royal House situated in the triangular zone lying opposite to Luang Prabang, and afford facilities for its preservation and worship, etc.

4. The Mekong frontier will be fixed in accordance with the principle of the deep water channel, but the two islands, namely Khong and Khone, will be under the sovereignty of Thailand, and shall be jointly administered by France and Thailand, and existing French establishments on the islands shall belong to France.

In signing the above-mentioned terms, mediation letters were exchanged between Japan and France and between Japan and Thailand which clarified to the effect, that Japan guarantees the definitive nature of the settlement of the dispute by the aforementioned terms of mediation and that agreements will subsequently be made with respect to the maintenance of peace in Greater East Asia and the establishment and promotion of especially closer relations between Japan and Thailand and between Japan and French Indo-China.

Territory ceded by France to Thailand is roughly that which France acquired under the conventions of October 7, 1902 referring to the Pak Lay territory in Laos; of February 13, 1904 concerning the Pakse district in southwestern Laos; of February 23, 1907 dealing with Battambang, Siemreap and Sisophon in Cambodia.

Friendly and peaceful relations between France and Thailand will thereby be restored and the bond of friendship that binds Japan, France and Thailand will further be strengthened."—Domei.

Bureau Established

Bangkok, Mar. 11.

Thailand will establish on April 1 a department for Indo-China affairs for the administration of territories recovered as a result of the terms of the mediation concluded in Tokyo between France and Thailand under Japanese auspices, it was revealed today.—Domei.

Raids Do Not Harm Britain's War Effort

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

Cabling to his paper on Sunday, the London correspondent of the "Asahi" says, "I saw with my own eyes the great raids on London last September, then the raid on Coventry, and the year-end fire raid on the City of London. If I am asked whether these German raids did in fact break up Britain's war industry, her fighting command or her *moral*, I am bound to reply "No."

Yugoslavia Believed Joining Axis Group

Foreign Minister Expected to Leave for Vienna Or Berlin Shortly; Bulgarian Newspapers Show Revisionist Tendencies; Zhekoff's Statement

Belgrade, Mar. 11.

THE Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugoslavia and the Axis Powers. Some reports say he has already left. The pact may be signed today.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more revisionist in tone. General Zhekoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students yesterday: "We live in stirring times, after which will come the realization of our national ideals." His statement and the revisionist claims of the Bulgarian press are widely published in Yugoslavian papers.—Reuter.

Belgrade, Mar. 11.

Usually well informed sources yesterday said they expected M. Dragisa Cvetkovitch, Yugoslavian Premier and Dr. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, Foreign Minister to go to Berlin on Tuesday to sign a Yugoslavian-German pact of friendship and non-aggression. They would travel in a special German plane which was to have arrived from Berlin late yesterday, it was said.—United Press.

Minister in Istanbul

Istanbul, Mar. 11.

Mr. George William Rendel, British Minister to Bulgaria, was expected to arrive here today from Sofia. The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers arrived here from Sofia yesterday.

Reports from Sofia said that Mr. Rendel with 50 members of the British colony, took a train last night from Sofia, after Mr. Rendel officially had turned over to Mr. George Earle, American Minister to Sofia, British interests in Bulgaria.

Under U.S. Protection

Mr. Rendel placed a small plaque on the British Embassy stating that it was British property and under protection of the United States.

M. Andre Motte, the Belgian Minister, said that several persons were forced to leave the train at the Turkish frontier by Bulgarian authorities, without explanation.

He said German headquarters had been established at Plovdiv and that 200,000 German troops had passed through Plovdiv. One column went to the Turkish frontier while two other columns went to the Greek frontier, the Minister said.—United Press.

Decision Expected

Belgrade, Mar. 10.

Yugoslavia's decision regarding what form her rapprochement with Germany should take will be reached today following the unexpected return to Belgrade this morning of M. Vladimir Machek, the Vice-Premier and leader of the powerful Croat minority.

M. Machek left Belgrade last Saturday for Zagreb on his usual weekend visit, and was not expected to return before tomorrow or Wednesday.

Considerable ground was gained this evening by the rumours that Yugoslavia would sign a friendship pact with Germany, it being further reported that the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister would leave for Germany by plane tomorrow, the pact being signed either late tomorrow or the next day.

According to another report, a German plane landed at the Zedemul airport today and is waiting to take the Yugoslav statesmen to the Reich.

Interests Clash

According to the latest available information, it would seem that the powerful pressure being exerted against the signing of this pact by the Opposition group in Parliament, patriotic organizations and British and American diplomats, has been counteracted by a no less powerful pressure from **Germany.**

The Parliamentary opposition group tried to delay the decision on the pact until the return of M. Machek, and this is why the Government decided to summon him back today.

[United Press.

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Hitler Insists Yugoslavia Join

New York, Mar. 11.

Herr Hitler has insisted that Yugoslavia join the Axis tripartite agreement instead of signing a separate friendship pact, according to reports received here from Belgrade.—Reuter.

Greeks Unabated in Their Fury

Italians Suffer Heavily In Assault; Minister Believed Killed

London, Mar. 11.

The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continued yesterday with unabated fury. Greek troops, stated the Athens radio last night, were pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges, where the attack began, had now been cleared almost completely of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from a network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep cavities of rocks, are stated to be suffering heavy casualties, with whole detachments being wiped out. One of the principal units defending approaches to Tepelini, a key town to Valona harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all effectives of the 7th Blackshirt Battalion were reported to have been killed.

Prisoners taken include Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council. Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Minister of Education, Signor Bottai, who may have been killed. (Greek newspaper yesterday claimed Signer Bottai had been killed, together with two other high officials).

A personal message from Mussolini to Bottai was found on the unidentified body of a major, begging Bottai to do everything in his power to stop the Greek advance—"otherwise," said Mussolini, "Fascism would die with a stain upon it. Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save her!"—Reuter.

Mussolini Tours Front

Athens, Mar. 11.

Premier Benito Mussolini seven days ago toured the Albanian front and was most discouraged over what he saw, Greek correspondents on the central front yesterday said they learned from captured Italian officers.

Premier Mussolini's trip, which he made in an armoured car, was intended to bolster Italian resistance and whip up Fascist *moral*. Il Duce went as far as the Tepelini sector, it was said. The general outlook greatly discouraged him, correspondents reported Italian officers told them.

The correspondents also reported that the Seventh Blackshirt Battalion was practically annihilated in a battle now going on.

Among the few left alive in the battalion was Major Pellegrini, its commander and well known member of the Italian parliament, who was captured, the correspondents said.

Battery Battered

An Italian battery commanded by Captain Gianetti, Italian Minister of Corporations, also suffered disastrously. The fate of Captain Gianetti was not known.

Another battalion, presumably commanded by Major Giuseppe Bottai, Italian Minister of Education, fled in disorder, correspondents reported.

Seven Italian ministers were reported to have gone to the front to bolster the *moral* of Italian soldiers. —United Press.

Remains of Alfonso On Spanish Soil

Berlin, Mar. 11.

The body of Alfonso XIII, former King of Spain, was yesterday morning taken across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official news agency. The body will be laid to rest in the Royal vault at the Escorial in the next few days.—Reuter.

British Believe Germans Trying to Provoke Incident With French Fleet

Darlan's Threats Believed Unlikely to Change Blockade Policy; Famine Not Britain's Fault

London, Mar. 11.

The Germans obviously were desirous of provoking an Anglo-French naval incident, a spokesman of the Economic Warfare Ministry said today when asked to comment on the French warning regarding the British blockade of French food ships.

Admiral Francois Darlan, French Vice-Premier and concurrently Foreign and Navy Minister, yesterday at Vichy publicly told American correspondents that he would order the French Fleet soon to protect French food ships unless the British would show more understanding of France's exceedingly serious food situation.

There were indications here, however, that Admiral Darlan's threats would not likely change Britain's blockade policy.

The Economic Warfare Ministry spokesman pointed out that "Admiral Darlan omitted to mention that it is hardly Britain's fault that Germany has refused to allow exports from occupied France, where 80 per cent. of French wheat grows."

Admiral Darlan said that he would not order the French Fleet to escort French food ships for the next few weeks in the hope that Britain would change her attitude. He warned, however, that after that time limit he definitely would order French naval vessels to act as convoys and thus risk an armed clash.

He also pointed out France was in dire need of wheat and that the Germans had shown a more generous attitude than the British in allowing the French 2,000,000 quintals of wheat earmarked for feeding the German Army of Occupation in France.—United Press.

Tokyo Press Sees Bill Passage As "First Step Toward War"

Impending End to Thailand, Indo-China Dispute Called Historic Japanese Achievement

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

VIGOROUS denunciations of the American Lend-Lease Bill as "the first United States step towards war," this morning shared the editorial columns of the metropolitan press with warm expressions of satisfaction over the impending success of the Tokyo Mediation Conference for settlement of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute.

The influential "Asahi" and "Nichi-Nichi" newspapers, as well as the leading commercial daily, "Chugai Shogyo Shimpo," hailed the imminent conclusion of the Franco-Thai accord as a historic achievement of Japanese diplomacy, while the "Hochi," the popular "Yomiuri," the "Miyako," and also the "Asahi" launched a sharp editorial attack against the Lend-Lease Bill.

The "Asahi" expressed appreciation over the "complete trust" displayed by Thailand in Japan, as well as France's ability "ultimately to grasp the situation correctly, although she did lack frankness." The journal voiced the hope that both Thailand and French Indo-China would further co-operate in Japan's long range construction efforts for the common prosperity of the East Asiatic peoples.

"Furthermore, we believe that the Netherlands East Indies should discern an example in the success gained by Thailand and French Indo-China to achieve real community of interests by trusting Japan, although they once were compelled to fight," the "Asahi" added.

Dignified Attitude

"We believe that the success of the present mediation efforts may be partly attributed to the dignified Japanese attitude which endeavoured to respect the honour of the principals to the dispute by disregarding details, as well as the question of time, by acting as a real mediator once it became certain that an agreement could be reached," the "Asahi" declared.

The "Nichi-Nichi" also remarked that the progress of the Tokyo conference was not speedy, but expressed gratification for the sake of Thailand and France "for a successful settlement through diplomatic means of a dispute which was prevented from spreading despite the interference and obstacles placed in the path of mediation by third parties."

Both the "Miyako" and the "Hochi" saw America entering the war as a result of the enactment of the Lend-Lease Bill. Pointing out that Britain did not need men, but war materials, the "Hochi" said, "The passage of this bill is tentamount to giving all help America can extend to Britain."

Trouble Ahead

The "Miyako" foresaw trouble ahead for the United States. The paper declared, "This hazardous war boom policy which has been undertaken to overshadow the dead end reached in New Deal policies, will not bring about world peace, but instead precipitate a violent armaments race and war.

"The American people who hitherto lived in a sole oasis-like paradise for humanity located in the Western Hemisphere, are being driven into arms factory galleys by the whip of one ambitious man," the "Miyako" declared.

The "Yomiuri" said that the present situation recalled that of February 1917 when Germany announced unrestricted submarine warfare. "It is said that history repeats itself. We find it our duty to retort to Britain and America by warning them of the danger that lies in the Atlantic," the paper added, predicting that the United States eventually would form convoys of its own merchantmen escorted by American warships to send war materials to Britain.—Domei.

Smuts Forecasts Swift Victory

Somaliland Drive Almost Finished; Abyssinian Fighting Near Finale

Nairobi, Mar. 11.

A quick end to the fighting in Abyssinia and Somaliland was forecast by General Smuts on his arrival here from a visit to Egypt and East Africa.

"Things are going remarkably well," he said, "the Somaliland campaign is practically finished and I believe that the fighting in Abyssinia is entering its final phase."

While he was in Cairo, General Smuts had a conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, General Sir John Dill, General Sir Archibald Wavell and Admiral Cunningham.

General Smuts stated that he was satisfied that the conference would prove fruitful, and said that in addition to discussing the Abyssinian campaign and the best way of speeding it up, the conference also discussed the whole war problem and the possibilities and prospects all over the world.—Reuter.

★Understanding With Vichy

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The threat was made by Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and concurrently Foreign and Navy Minister, and apparently was backed by Marshal Philippe Petain.

Admiral Darlan asserted flatly that he was prepared to use the French Fleet if necessary to convoy food through the British blockade to France.

Unless Admiral Darlan was bluffing in an effort to force the British to loosen their blockade, his course appeared headed toward sea clashes with Britain's powerful Royal Navy which might lead to open war.

Admiral Darlan's statement was more significant because a similar statement was made in Paris three weeks ago by a high but unidentified former Vichy official who obviously was M. Pierre Laval, former Premier.

The statement said the Vichy Government would be forced to use warships to convoy food to France and even said that France had been warned by Germany that unless the French Fleet was used for this purpose France could not expect "collaboration" and might face conditions worse than under the present Armistice.

The statement predicted clashes between the French and British navies and that France soon would re-enter the war, and this time against Britain.

Admiral Darlan just returned from Paris where he conferred with M. Laval and a representative of Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

German Preview

Even before Admiral Darlan made his statement, in the presence of Marshal Petain, D. N. B., official German news agency, had quoted M. Fernand of Brinon, French Minister at Large, to the same effect.

Admiral Darlan's statement was timed to coincide with the British statement reiterating Britain's firm position against permitting food to reach German occupied regions on the grounds that it would prolong the war and delay release of those countries from Nazi bondage.

Admiral Darlan said he had conveyed a warning to Admiral William Leahy, United States Ambassador to France, for transmission to Washington.

French Wheat for France

Admiral Darlan praised the German order allowing France to use 2,000,000 quintals of French wheat. (A quintal is 220 pounds.) The wheat had been earmarked for use in Germany.

Admiral Darlan said the British had just seized the fourteenth French ship since January 1, 1941,—an empty freighter sailing from Dakar to Madagascar. Admiral Darlan said the situation could not be allowed to continue and indicated that he would give Britain two or three weeks to reconsider her position.

France's minimum needs right now, he said, were 500,000 tons of wheat. Marshal Petain added that he himself had seen that France's new wheat crop would not feed the population during the coming year.—United Press.

French Appeal

Vichy, Mar. 11.

France has appealed to the United States and Great Britain for permission to import 500,000 tons of wheat through the British blockade.

Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and concurrently Foreign and Navy Minister, in the Presence of Marshal Petain and M. Jean Achard, Minister of Supplies, last night told American correspondents France had sent the appeal. He said that unless the wheat importation was allowed, Free France's bread ration be cut to two slices of bread daily for each individual and France would face starvation.

Another Mercy Ship Arrives

London, Mar. 11.

The arrival in Marseilles of the United States steamer, Cold Harbor, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children was announced yesterday by Admiral Leahy, the United States Ambassador. He added that another steamer—the Exmouth—with a similar cargo, was expected within three weeks.—Reuter.

British Nerves Are "Wonderful"

New York, Mar. 11.

"British nerves are wonderful," said Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, who has just arrived back in New York after a visit to England.—Reuter.

Russian Steals Car, Hits Policeman

Victor Smirnoff, a young Russian, will face the First Special District Court this morning to answer charges of stealing a Ford car, bearing licence No. 9379 in Wayside at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The miscreant, who was drunk, it was stated, went for a ride, crossing the Garden Bridge and turning to Hankow Road. At the corner of that street and Szechuen Road, he ran into a traffic policeman and was promptly arrested by the constable, who was only slightly injured.

Park Hotel Servants Stage Brief Strike

The Park Hotel became the scene of a short-lived "go-slow" strike yesterday evening when all the servants refused to do any work. It was believed that the dispute arose over the demands of the employees for more pay. Negotiations for the return of the servants to work were commenced on the spot and a settlement was reached after three hours. It may be recalled that the hotel was in the news some time ago when all the servants threatened to strike unless given better treatment and increase in pay.

Japanese Minister to Australia Arrives

Brisbane, Mar. 11.

Japan's first Minister to Australia, Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, arrived in Brisbane today.

There was no need for Japan and Australia to quarrel, he said on arrival, if they understood each other's problems, which, being neighbours geographically and closely related economically, it was their duty to do.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

At "X.C.D.N. Calling"

Shown above is a scene from "X.C.D.N. Calling," which opened at the Lyceum last night. The young ladies are Miss Henny Van Senden and Miss Gloria Pritchard, who appear as the "Radio Rascals."

THE STAGE

"X.C.D.N. Calling"

Shanghai's invisible entertainers materialized on the stage of the Lyceum last night when "X.C.D.N. Calling" embarked on its four-day run to the accompaniment of continuous and hearty applause from the packed audience. Those voices over the ether, so well known by now to all local residents who have listened in to the British Broadcasting Station, came to vivid life behind the footlights as the X.C.D.N. amateurs presented a three-hour programme which can be described accurately as one of the finest variety shows produced in this city during recent years. Seldom, if ever, has Shanghai's abundant crop of amateur talent been seen to better advantage than in this "Radio Parade," in aid of the British Voluntary War Fund.

Divided into three evenly balanced but totally dissimilar parts, carrying the audience through a wide range of emotions from gusty laughter to semi-serious banality, the versatile programme wound up with a rousing cavalcade of war songs that have stirred the heart of the British nation since the commencement of the South African war, through the last great World War to the present European strife, with a representation of all the fighting forces. With Mr. C. N. Abbott acting as a capable compere, the first part, Radiorhythm and Variety, was a wholly delightful potpourri of music and comedy that provided superlative entertainment. Limited space must inevitably curtail any detailed mention of the many popular turns that feaured this opening extravaganza of high spirit, but surely the Peanut Vendor and Shanghai's own version of Sam Small must be rated as the highlights of the whole merry blaze. It would be worth going two and even three times to see these two again. Not that the others were far behind; the Jitterbugs, the X.C.D.N. Minstrels, Mr. Ralph Lynn out-bynging Douglas Byng, the Radio Rascals and that inspired skit, the Children's Hour, all deserve a special mention on their own.

The second part, Noel Coward's "Red Peppers," revealed something of life behind the scenes of an English music hall in between turns. This feature gave abundant scope for the wide talent of Mrs. Cappy Holt and Mr. O. P. Edwards, who turned in excellent performances in their tragi-comic roles as the two troupers "on the road." It was a Noel Coward angle on "The Good Companions," and enabled the two principals to give full vent to their versatile ability. Unstinted praise is their just due.

Part three turned back the calender to the Gay Nineties and quaint memories of the popular old shows were revived with a decorative ingenuity that captivated the hearts of all those who had the pleasure of watching. Floradora and Miss Dale's rendering of those old immortals, "After the Ball Was Over" and "The Little Bird In Nellie's Hat", and "Beside The Seaside" were all delightfully done, being but a few of the memories that were conjured up of an age that has gone by, mourned by some, and regarded by all with affection. And finally Queen Victoria herself was there to receive the homage of the entire company and the enthusiastic audience.

In conclusion of this appreciation rather than a review, a glowing word of praise for Mr. O. P. Edwards, who has done so much for the production of this outstanding entertainment. His gallant effort will be rightly appreciated by all those who saw the show. Congratulations are also due to Mr. Ralph Lynn for his joint services, and last—but by no means least—a bouquet for the ladies who were such a decorative and attractive feature of the production.—C.E.M.B.

Missing C.N.A.C. Plane Found on Mountain

Chungking, Mar. 11.

The mystery concerning the whereabouts of the missing China National Aviation Corporation aeroplane, which was lost on February 12 on its way from Hongkong to Chungking, has now been cleared up, pilots of the Sino-American Air Line having sighted the wreckage of the aeroplane on a peak of the Chiang Chia Shan, 7,000 foot mountain at Taohsien in Southern Hunan, near the Hunan-Kwangtung-Kwangsi border.

The latest information reaching here indicates that 200 coolies were unable to reach the wreckage. They were only able to reach a point 200 yards away, the wrecked plane being on a 75 degree slope and 100 feet below the top of the peak. The occupants of the plane were Joy Thom, pilot Paul Ching, co-pilot, and a bank employee, all of whom were killed.—Reuter.

Wax floor polish if beaten to a cream with turpentine will last longer. Also there is less likelihood of slipping on floors polished with wax treated in this way.

Indian Troops' Fighting Spirit Declared Second to None

Growing Account of Colonial Force's Activities In Africa Given by Gen. Sir C. Auchinleck

New Delhi, Mar. 11.

INDIA'S Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, speaking in the Council of State, paid a personal tribute to the magnificent part played by Indian troops in destroying Italian aggression in North Africa.

Troops from India have shown and continue to show quality of training and fighting spirit second to none, he said. For months the troops had filled a role involving a waiting defensive facing an enemy immensely superior in numbers, then possessed of overwhelming superiority in the air.

In conditions far from inspiring, the troops had never flagged in zeal. They had trained day after day with remarkable will and cheerfulness. The result already was history. When the time came he said Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell was able, despite the numerical superiority of the enemy to take the initiative with confidence and turn defence into attack.

The North African campaign would be recorded in history as one of Britain's greatest achievement. British and Indian troops had the honour of dealing an initial blow shattering the Italian threat to Egypt. When the troops made a swift sweep forward from Mersa Matruh in the early days of December Italian morale in North Africa was unshaken. Marshal Graziani's forward troops were encamped in force in and around Sidi Barrani waiting to launch an attack.

Carefully Planned Attack

Suddenly, in a most carefully planned battle they found themselves overwhelmed in less than 48 hours. Surprise was the main factor in the victory and the surprise could be gained and exploited only by troops who knew their business down to the last man.

After a short, well-earned rest, many units from India who played so decisive a part at Sidi Barrani were rapidly transferred southwards where their experience on the north-west frontier of India was of special value. This experience was peculiar to them. Their appearance in the Sudan was the signal for a general onslaught in Italian East Africa.

"Lately I received the following confirmation of General Wavell's message to which I referred in a recent broadcast," Gen. Auchinleck continued: 'As detailed information of fighting in Eritrea reaching me confims the magnificent performance of Indian troops at Agordat, Barentu and Keren, India may well be proud of these fine troops'."

Advance Justified

"At Keren the Italians concentrated the cream of the East African army in an attempt to stave off collapse. Details of the part played by troops from India in the swift drive taking our forces from the vicinity of Kassala to the precipitous, strongly fortified heights around Keren already have been published. The story as it unfolds fully justified the warm praise Gen. Wavell accorded our soldiers. The many acts of individual gallantry and determination by Indian troops of all classes are to mention."

After reminding the members that Africa was not the only battle front, Gen. Auchinleck paid tribute to the Royal Indian Navy for performing an arduous and dangerous task with the closest co-operation with the Royal Navy. He also referred to the troops in Malaya and the Far East. Though not actually in a theatre of war many were living under active service conditions enduring hardship and discomforts.

Lastly he referred to the land and air forces of India's north-western frontier where officially they were not at war but actual practice now, as always, was to carry their lives in their hands with unrelaxed vigilance.—Reuter.

India May Have Defence Committee

New Delhi, Mar. 11.

Great satisfaction at General Auchinleck's appointment as Commander-in-Chief in India was expressed yesterday in the Assembly during a debate on the question of appointment of a Defence Committee.

A Government spokesman said General Auchinleck was of the opinion that the possibilities of his receiving views and advice from representatives of the public and his giving them information useful to them, required regularization. General Auchinleck hoped that arrangements would be worked out whereby this could be given effect. If members would like to go and see Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for it.—Reuter.

Suez Canal Said Partially Blocked

Bucharest, Mar. 11.

The Suez Canal has been partially blocked as a result of the sinking of four British ships by Italo-German bombers, according to Rumanian sailors who arrived at Constanza, Black Sea port, today.

A total of 34 Rumanian sailors from two Rumanian oil tankers, which were seized by the British Fleet several weeks ago, arrived at Constanza on the Rumanian ship Dacia.

They declared that it would take the British many weeks to clear the Suez Canal of the sunken ships.—United Press.

Philippines Get Almost U.S.$1,000,000

Washington, Mar. 11.

The U.S.$1,500,000,000 supplemental defence appropriation bill, it was disclosed today, included specific allocations of U.S.$975,125 for the Philippines.

This appropriation includes U.S. $185,125 for the completion of cantonments and buildings at military posts, U.S.$500,000 for the construction of runways at airfields, U.S.$110,000 for repairs to the Dewey dry dock at Olangapo and U.S.$60,000 for the lighting of a seaplane base.—United Press.

Australia Recruits

Melbourne, Mar. 11.

Owing to expending activities overseas of the Australian Imperial Forces the Army Command announces a new recruiting drive will be started.—Reuter.

★Yugoslavia Expected To Join

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Some quarters here stress that Yugoslavia will agree to as few concessions as possible, and that these concessions will be fully compatible with the defence of her sovereignty.

These same circles assert that Yugoslavia will not sign a general agreement of collaboration with the Axis, but only a bilateral treaty of non-aggression and collaboration with Germany.

Turkey to Reply

According to reports received here from Ankara, Foreign Minister Sukru Sarajoglu will submit at a private meeting of the principal parliamentary representatives tomorrow the Turkish Government's decision regarding the proposals made to Turkey by Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany contained in a personal message which he recently addressed to President Ismet Inonu of Turkey.

The Turkish Government's decision will be made public the day after tomorrow, before the Turkish Parliament.—Havas Telemondial.

Germans Silent

Berlin, Mar. 11.

Despite persistent and positive reports from Belgrade that Germany and Yugoslavia will sign a non-aggression pact today or within two or three days, German quarters here yesterday persistently refused any confirmation.—United Press.

Rendel Reaches Frontier

London, Mar. 11.

Mr. George Earle, American Minister to Sofia, accompanied Mr. George Rendel, the British Minister to Bulgaria, to the Turkish frontier when the British envoy left Sofia yesterday.—Reuter.

Move May Be Postponed

Budapest, Mar. 11.

Any Yugoslav move toward a friendship or non-aggression pact with Germany probably would be postponed until the coming week-end to enable Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, and the Yugoslav Government to consolidate their country's internal position, said advices today from Belgrade.

Some reports mentioned that there had been further calling up of Yugoslavs, but it was learned that these moves chiefly involved regular spring registrations of troops. Most of the registered men then would be sent to farm lands to prepare spring crops. The Yugoslav moves, however, were now being followed intensely in Rumania.—United Press.

Yugoslavs Delay Trip

Belgrade, Mar. 11.

The postponement of the trip of Yugoslav statesmen to Germany until about Saturday, according to well-informed quarters today, may be possibly due to the desire in Belgrade to hear what the Turkish Premier has to tell the Turkish National Assembly.

Informed sources said that the Yugoslav leaders were most anxious to hear what Dr. Refik Saydam has to disclose regarding Turkey's attitude toward the new situation in the Balkans created by Germany's march into Bulgaria.—United Press.

Cripps Sees Vishinsky

London, Mar. 11.

Immediately after returning to Moscow from Turkey, Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, visited M. Andrey Vishinsky, Russian Deputy Foreign Commissar, and was understood to have discussed events in the Balkans and the Near East, authoritative quarters reported today.

They stated that the conversation was exceptionally friendly.—United Press.

Russia Said Dissatisfied

Vichy, Mar. 11.

Unconfirmed reports reaching Balkan diplomats here today showed that Russia was dissatisfied with Germany's total occupation of Bulgaria and may also interrupt deliveries of other materials to Germany.

Should Yugoslavia adhere to the Axis or the Tri-Power Pact, Balkan diplomats reported that Moscow might reconsider and perhaps revise her entire southeastern European policy.—United Press.

Governor of Algeria Sees Petain

Vichy, Mar. 11.

Admiral Abrial, Governor-General of Algeria, arrived here yesterday and was immediately received by the Chief of State, Marshal Philippe Petain. The visit follows that of General Maxime Weygard, delegate-general in French North Africa, who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial command French warships which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk last summer.—Reuter.

House Completes Action On Aid Bill

Washington, Mar. 11.

The House of Representatives completes action on the lend-lease bill today, after which President Roosevelt was expected to sign it and send to Congress his first request for money, perhaps within 24 hours.—United Press.

American Flier Killed in London

London, Mar. 11.

The Air Ministry yesterday said an American Eagle Squadron pilot officer, Paul Roger Anderson, aged 27, a native of Riddle, Oregon, and who also lived in Sacramento, California, was killed by a bomb in London on Saturday afternoon.—United Press.

★Matsuoka Leaving For Berlin

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the time that the Tripartite Pact was concluded last summer.

"As Japan's Foreign Minister, I am going on an important mission. However, there is no specially hidden mission," he said.

"For the sake of the Tripartite Alliance's future, I intend to conduct the fullest discussions," he added.

"I have never met Chancelor Adolf Hitler, Marshal Hermann Goering or Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the leaders of Nazi Germany. Therefore, I wanted to meet them once in order to have heart to heart talks with them.

"I also intend to see important persons in Germany and Italy and preach my long cherished world peace opinion based on the principle of 'hakko Ichiu' (eight corners of the world under one roof or universal brotherhood).—United Press.

Berlin Announcement

Berlin, Mar. 11.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka will visit Berlin at the invitation of the German Government for discussion of questions relating to the Tripartite Pact, it was officially announced by the Government today.

Mutual Japan-Germany-Italy cooperation in line with the policies of the Tripartite Pact will be the main object of discussion, it was said. The communique added that Mr. Matsuoka is scheduled to proceed to Rome following completion of the Berlin talks.—Domei.

Rome in April

Rome, Mar. 11.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka is expected to arrive in Rome during the first week in April, according to the official Italian News Agency.

He will have "important conversations" with Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler during his visit to Italy and Germany, in which "all questions relating to collaboration of the three Axis Powers will be examined," the message adds.—Reuter.

Talks in Washington May Affect Pacific

Dutch Leaders to Confer With U.S. Officials

New York, Mar. 11.

Conferences here between Government officials and two Dutch Ministers may encompass the whole field of Pacific defence cooperation, informed sources here said yesterday.

Government leaders, however, were reluctant to comment on forthcoming conferences with the Dutch Ministers, Mr. E. N. Van Kleffens, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands Government in London, and Mr. Mr. Charles Jin Welter, Minister of Colonies.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, declined to comment on the visit of the two Ministers to Washington and said he was not fully informed of the purpose of their mission.

Lesser officials and also Congressional sources said the Dutch talks may produce a clearer concept of the extent to which the Dutch may look to the United States to forestall Japanese moves in the South Pacific.

At the same time, it was said, United States officials may ask the extent to which Dutch colonial officials were willing to resist the Japanese in the latter's moves toward the Netherlands East Indies.

Inasmuch as Mr. Van Kleffens is coming directly from London the talks here may clarify the entire picture of what the Democracies may expect of each other if the Japanese should strike simultaneously with Chancellor Adolf Hitler's spring offensive.—United Press.

$150,000 Goal Set by Chinese Y.M.C.A.

The Shanghai Chinese Y.M.C.A. opened its forty-first annual membership and finance campaign yesterday noon with a workers rally at the Boulevard de Montigny Y.M.C.A. Main Building. More than 300 enthusiastic team captains and workers had lunch together and received final instructions for the campaign.

Mr. K. T. Ting was chairman at the meeting and the workers were encouraged to special effort with speeches by Mr. James Chuan of the Board of Directors and Mr. S. C. Leung, General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. K. I. Loh, Chairman of the Campaign Executive Committee, reported on the organization and goal of the campaign. One hundred teams consisting of 1,500 workers in friendly competition will attempt to raise the goal of $150,000-$100,000 in memberships and $50,000 in contributions—during the next three and a half weeks. Weekly reports on the progress will be made on March 14, 21 and 28 with the final closing on April 4.

With the fine spirit of enthusiasm demonstrated at this opening meeting of the campaign together with the full support of all members and friends of the Y.M.C.A., it is confidently expected that the goal will be fully achieved.

Baronet on Murder Charge in Nairobi

Nairobi, Mar. 11.

Sir Delves Broughton, 53-year old Baronet, was arrested today and formally charged with the murder of Lord Erroll, 39-year old Peer who was found dead in a motor-car towards the end of January.—Reuter.

National People's Council Closes

Great Britain, Russia and U.S. Thanked for Moral, Material Assistance

Chungking, Mar. 11.

The Government is urged to strengthen diplomatic relations with countries in the Southern Pacific in a resolution adopted by the National People's Political Council as guiding principles of China's foreign policy.

Deep gratitude to Britain, the United States and Russia for their moral and material assistance to China is expressed, and further efforts are urged to bring about closer relations between China and these Powers to form an "anti-aggression front."

The Council resolution denounces any Powers which assist Japan in her aggression in China or recognize the Wang Ching-wei regime.

The Council, comprising representatives of various political parties, provinces and professions, opened on March 1 and closed yesterday.

The statement declares the Government should sever relations with any Power which assists Japanese aggression in China or recognises the Wang regime as such a Power must be regarded as an enemy of China.

Referring to military affairs, the Council reaffirms the importance of maintaining strictest discipline in the army and stresses that the collapse of certain Powers in the European war should be a lesson for China as internal political differences in those countries were largely responsible for the collapse of their resistance against invasion.

Government control is requested by the Council as an essential means to solve China's economic problems. Improvement of communications and transportation is strongly advocated.

A policy of Government sale of essential commodities was explained in an address by Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, at yesterday's weekly memorial meeting. After reviewing measures taken by western countries regarding Government sale of essential commodities the Minister of Finance explained that Government sale of such products was one step towards final realization of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's "minsen" (people's livelihood) principle.

Both Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's closing address and the manifesto issued by the Council made an earnest appeal to all parties to forsake individual differences and support the Government in a united front against Japanese aggression.—Reuter.

Canada Increases War Efforts

Ambitious Programme is Drawn Up for Future

London, Mar. 11.

The Dominions Office announces that the following Canadian Forces will proceed overseas this year; the Third Canadian Division now training in Canada with a complement of corps troops: the balance of corps troops of the Canadian First and Second Divisions now training in England: and an Army Tank Brigade and Armoured Division.

Canada also intends to attain the following objectives this year: The provision of 25 Canadian air squadrons for overseas service from amongst the graduates of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan: the present strength of 36,000 men in the air training plan to be doubled and home operations strengthened; an increase in the Canadian Navy to 413 ships and 26,920 men by the end of March next year, compared with the present strength of 175 ships and 15,319 men: Canadian works to build destroyers and long range bombers, and to concentrate on producing machines not obtainable in the United States.

Canada is speeding up her war effort in all directions. The compulsory military training period for young men 21 years old has now been extended from 30 days to four months. Between 6,000 and 6,500 men will be called up monthly from March 15 this year.

It is estimated that betwen 40,000 and 80,000 recruits will be need this year for active service. An army training school, providing training in all branches of the trades, will be needed for the army, accommodating 2,000 students who will begin operations in May at Hamilton, Ontario.—Reuter.

Business Girls Hold International Dinner

Greetings Received from All Over the World

The Twelfth International Dinner for business and professional girls of Shanghai, was held yesterday evening under the auspices of the Shanghai Y.W.C.A. and International Branch, at the Navy Y.M.C.A. After a 'get together' half hour, the girls were welcomed and there was community singing before dinner was served. Greetings were read from countries all over the world, where similar international evenings were being held. Shanghai girls already had sent greetings to the United States, Canada, Manila, Honolulu, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and India.

There was an address by Mrs. Mason Loh of the National Committee of the Y.W.C.A. of China. Mrs. Mason Loh said she was greatly honoured to be called upon to give the address then went on to say that friendship was the most beautiful thing in one's life and how international friendship was of an even higher ideal and took a greater effort but brought a greater reward. She stressed the importance of having international friends.

There was a distribution of prizes for lucky ticket numbers and then a series of national dances of various countries were presented, followed by a pageant of "Women famous in History and Song", from See Sze and Lady Precious Stream down to Florence Nightingale. Mrs. van Hengel also spoke a few words and introduced Miss Hinder, who was one of those members present at the first international dinner in Shanghai, which was given twelve years ago. The committee on arrangements were members from the Keys Club, the Chinese Business Girls' Club and the Live Y'ers Club.

There were well over 200 girls present, representing twenty different nations.

U.S. Vichy Official Returning Home

Washington Awaits Report On Latest Situation

Washington, Mar. 10.

Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the United States Embassy at Vichy, will return to the United States soon to report on the latest European situation, Mr. Cordell Hull announced at today's press conference.

Although Mr. Hull declined to elaborate further on Mr. Murphy's return, well-informed quarters here interpreted the move as reflecting the desire on the part of the Administration to obtain first hand information on the following three points:—

1. Whether Spain is likely to co-operate with the Axis in Morocco, Tangier and Gibraltar in an attempt to bottle up the Mediterranean;
2. Spain's present attitude toward Germany's demand for closer co-operation, and
3. The results of Mr. Murphy's recent survey of political, economic and military conditions in France's African possessions, especially the degree of the Vichy government's influence over Gen. Maxime Weygand, Commander of the French Forces in Africa.—Domei

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Sharp Cut in Electric Supply In French Concession Looms

Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electrique Faces Same Situation as Power Co.

CURTAILMENT of electric supply in the French Concession on a more drastic scale than possibly the measures adopted in the Settlement is envisaged following the announcement made by the French Municipal Council yesterday that the Compagnie Française de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electrique de Shanghai (French Tramways) will not consider forthwith any new applications for power to drive motors or for heating purposes. The company also will not entertain applications for extension of existing installations for heating and driving of motors.

M. J. Favret, manager of the Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electrique de Shanghai, disclosed yesterday that his concern, which operates the buses, tramcars and trolleys in the French Concession in addition to the supply of water and electricity, is in the same predicament as the Shanghai Power Company following the fuel shortage here.

Additional Problem

The French company, it was learned, is faced with the additional problem occasioned by the shortage in Shanghai of diesel engine oil, operating as it does one of the largest diesel engine plants in this part of the world. An official of one of the three big oil companies here it will be recalled, recently was unable to state when the dwindliing stocks of the oil would be replenished, although hopes were expressed in some quarters that additional supplies would be available by the end of this month.

Pursuant to the notification of the French Municipal Council, the French Tramways are now studying ways and means of coping with the situation as a result of which curtailment in the supply of electricity in the French Concession will probably follow immediately. It is too early to predict what measures will be formulated, but it is believed that drastic steps will be adopted to conserve all available supplies of fuel for an emergency consistent with the policy of the French Municipal authorities.

The abnormal growth in the population of the French Concession resulting from the unsettled conditions in and around Shanghai found its complement in an unforeseen and unprecedented demand in the area for more electric power during the past year. The company, however, did everything possible to meet the extraordinary demand for power both from private residences and from the ever increasing number of shops and such establishments flourishing in the Concession.

With the company hard put to the task of supplying all the demands for electric supply during the past winter, it is understood that henceforth it definitely will not consider any new applications for heating. The problem will be heightened during the coming summer with the usual demand for electricity to operate refrigerators, electric fans etc.

Action Follows S.M.C.

The action of the French Municipal Council followed the measures taken by the Shanghai Municipal Council recently in announcing a cut of 30 per cent. for all consumers of over 1,000 kilowatt hours per month.

The Compagnie Francaise de Tramways et d'Eclairage Electrique de Shanghai, which operates the triple utility service in the French Concession supplying electricity, water and the transportation facilities of the area, is capitalized at 125,,000,000 Francs with its head office in Paris and Shanghai office located at 249 Avenue Dubail.

During the past year the company has had more than its share of the local labour upheavals, which resulted in the paralyzation of the transportation services in both the Settlement and the French Concession.

Letters Faked By Young Chinese

Successful Fraud Pushed Too Far When Threats Are Made

If you receive a letter from a relative or friend who lives in an outport, especially when the letter asks for a loan which the sender knows that you can afford to give, you will have to be careful to ascertain that the letter actually has been mailed by the sender himself or else you may be defrauded or even threatened. Negligence in this connection recently caused Mr. Yang Tze-hung, brother of a former Chinese Minister of Navy, who resides at House No. 9, Lane 159 Avenue Haig, to lose $600. The swindler later wrote him again trying to extort $500,000 and as he confessed later he did so in order that Mr. Yang should be afraid to live in Shanghai, in which case no one would ever know that he had swindled $600.

The suspected swindler now in the custody of the French police is a 20-year old youth named Chen Den-fee. Another youth, his schoolmate, has also been arrested and according to the "Central China Daily News," he merely confessed that he had written a letter on behalf of Chen. The only mistake made by Mr. Yang is that he overlooked the seal of the Post Office affixed on the stamp of a letter which he received from a relative in Fukien. It is a Shanghai seal which clearly indicates that the letter had been mailed in this city. In the letter his "relative" asked him to pay $600 to his (relative's) nephew who studies in Shanghai.

A few days after he had received the letter, Chen came to receive the money, saying that his uncle had written to Mr. Yang. Mr. Yang gladly fulfilled the wish of the sender of the letter. The young visitor actually received the money in the guise of the nephew of the relative in Fukien, but no such request has been made by the relative. Several days later Mr. Yang received a threatening letter demanding $500,000. Mr. Yang reported the matter to the police, but while the latter were investigating the crime Mr. Yang happened to meet the youth at a Shanghai relative's home. It is a family fraud, for the accused youth is also a remote relative of Mr. Yang's Shanghai relative, although he is not connected with the relative in Fukien.

More Cases Handled By S.M.C. in February

Legal Department Issues Report for Month

Approximately 2,054 more cases were prosecuted by the legal department of the Shanghai Municipal Council in the First Special District Court and 2nd Branch Kiangsu High Court in February than during the previous month, according to a report of the Municipal Advocate for the past month issued yesterday. The report in part follows:

Out of the total number of cases prosecuted during February, 7,264 were Administrative Cases and 1,928 were Criminal Cases. Out of the total number of Administrative cases brought to trial, 4,419 persons failed to appear and their bail was confiscated and 18 cases were withdrawn, as compared with 3,543 cases in which bail was confiscated and six cases withdrawn in January. 2,827 Administrative cases were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 2,826 persons were convicted and one acquitted. A total of 102 Criminal cases were withdrawn and 1,826 were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 1,713 persons were convicted and 113 acquitted. The total number of Administrative and Criminal caess prosecuted to completion was 4,653, as compared with 3,426 cases in January. 4,539 persons were convicted and 114 persons were acquitted, as compared with 3,275 persons convicted and 151 persons acquitted during January.

In addition, there were 61 Private Criminal Prosecutions, as compared with 52 in January.

Labour Front Passes Its Quietest Day

Only About 70 Workers Remain Idle in City

The labour situation looked the brigtest here in many months yesterday when only approximately 70 workers were known to be officially on strike, these being the employees of the Vienna Knitting Factory in Jansen Road. All the other strikes were over, although in the case of the Great Eastern Engineering Works no settlement had been reached. The workers, however, resumed work pending negotiations.

The strike at the Vienna Knitting Factory dates to about three weeks ago when 125 employees of the firm staged a walk-out since their demands had not been met by the management. Subsequently, a number of workers returned to their jobs, but the rest remained on strike.

Another strike was averted in the nick of time by the managements of three Chinese garages when they agreed to increase their employees' wages by twenty cents a day. The dispute started about a week ago when the chauffeurs of seven garages asked their managers to increase their pay. The managements of four garages satisfied their employees three days ago, while those of the other three kept on refusing until yesterday when they, too, agreed to the demands.

Record Number of Vaccinations Made

Flowers' Birthday Keeps Health Department Busy

A record number of vaccinations for the Settlement, totalling 41,206 against smallpox, being 4,647 more than on the corresponding day last year, were carried out by the health department of the S.M.C. on Sunday last, March 9, "The Birthday of All Flowers" in the Chinese calendar. The day, which is regarded by the Chinese as being propitious for vaccination, saw all available members of the staff of the health department hard put to the task of coping with the crowds from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Chinese mother considers it fortunate if she can have her child vaccinated on the natal day of all flowers and no less than 13,359 infants and 23,390 children were vaccinated and the remaining 3,457 were made up of adults.

The work was done at twelve branch health offices, one market office, by mobile unit vans. By arrangement the police exercised control over the crowds at the branch offices. The high total of persons vaccinated was attributed to the speed and smoothness with which the work was carried out.

Firemen Fight Flames In Chinese Territory

Brick Building of Timber Factory Destroyed

Firemen from the Bubbling Well station were called out to Chapei yesterday morning when a call was put through that the Shanghai Manufacturing and Lumber Co., situated in Chinese territory just beyond the Brenan Piece, was on fire. The origin of the blaze was not known.

The flames broke out in a brick building used as a drying room where a quantity of timber had been stored. A strong wind impeded firemen's attemps to bring the flames under control and this was done only after 37 minutes of continuous fight.

The firemen were also threatened with another blaze as flames spread to the roof of an adjoining sawmill. The complete destruction of that building was averted, however, only the roof being scorched. The brick building was gutted, but damage caused by the flames was small as little timber was in the drying room at the time of the fire.

Photographs by Josepho.

New Spanish Consul-General and His Wife

The President Pierce on Monday when she arrived from the south brought with her Shanghai's new Spanish Consul-General, Senor Don Alvaro de Mondonaldo and Madame de Mondonaldo. Senor de Mondonaldo's previous post was that of Consul-General in Manila.

1941 Expense Estimate of Three S.M.C. Offices Out

Preliminary Estimates of Finance, Revenue and Compradore Offices Aggregate $3,090,910

PRELIMINARY estimates of expenditure for 1941 of the S.M.C. Finance Office, Revenue Office and Compradore's Office released for publication yesterday aggregate $3,090,910, being an increase of $1,568,650 or 103.05 per cent. over the relevant budget appropriations for last year. Of the total $877,990 is allocated for the Finance Office compared to $453,970 for the previous year; $1,969,-300 for the Revenue Office against $979,920 of the previous year and $236,560 for the Compradore's Office against $86,720 for 1940.

The main differences contributing to the increase for the Finance Office expenditures are due to increased pay and allowances, passages amounting to $41,410. The increase in pay and allowances amounted to $380,430 of which $266,190 is due to provision made for high cost of living and rice allowances at the higher levels recently authorized. The balance includes an increase of $24,650 in the repatriation exchange adjustment appropriation and covers long leave benefits for which no provision was necessary last year.

In addition to normal pay increments in accordance with the grading scales, provisions has been included for promotions and replacement appointments following the resignation of two foreign employees.

Passages

This shows an increase of $41,410 following the restoration of long leave on a modified basis allowance having been made for appropriate return and family passages for the treasurer and another employee. Single and family passages also have been provided for an employee upon retirement from the service.

As the departmental car was disposed of during 1940 in the interests of economy, provision for expenditure under the heading of locomotion is no longer required. Other items of expenditure include medical aid, fuel, light, water, printing and miscellaneous. Although circumstances have necessitated considerable changes in the personnel structure, the total foreign establishment remains tentatively at 17.

Revenue Office

Personnel.—Although circumstances have necessitated considerable changes in the personnel structure, the total Foreign establishment remains tentatively at 17.

The Chinese establishment shows on balance a comparative increase of 2 but retrenchment has been effected in the higher grades.

Pay and Allowances (Increases $831,190).—Of this sum $697,220 is due to provision for high cost of living and rice allowances at the higher levels recently authorised. Provision has also been included for approved additions to both Foreign and Chinese establishments, for the pay and allowances of employees formerly employed in the Gordon Road Licensing Office as a charge against the Police Section of the budget, for the cost of personnel employed at the Central Parking Space and in the new Voting Section, and for normal increments and promotions in accordance with the Grading Scales.

Passages (Increase $107,980).—The restoration of long leave on a modified busis necessitates apppropriate passage provision for the Deputy Treasurer-Revenue and four other employees. Long Leave requirements aggregate four first class and six second class return passages, while retirements necessitate provision for three second class single passages.

Compradore's Office

Increase $149,840:—The main items contributing to this increase are as follows:—

Pay and Allowances (Increase $145,960).—Of this sum $107,720 is due to provision for high cost of living and rice allowances on the basis recently authorised. Two other contributing factors are the inclusion in this section of the Compradore's Collecting Allowance of $19,800 and an increase of $12,452 in the provision for charges relating to Special Services of Police Constables.

The Compradore's Collecting Allowance was originally based on the Tael/Dollar difference in exchange and all departments automatically bore their proportion as expenditure was incurred. Upon the abolition of the Tael the allowance was consolidated as a General Charge but it is now considered more appropriate to show the full cost of the Compradore's Office. Provision for the allowance has therefore been included in this section for the first time.

These appropriations also cover normal pay increments in accordance with the Grading Scales and provide for the engagement of three additional shroffs.

Administration Building.—This heading appears for the first time and covers expenditure previously included under Pay Chinese,—Compradore, Shroffs, etc.

Miscellaneous (Increase $2,700).—This heading includes provision for Fuel, Llight, Water, Telephone Service, Stationery etc., and the increase is required to cover the higher costs of these commodities and services.

In addition to normal requirements, a sum of $6,060 is provided for necessary office equipment to safeguard important Municipal records and for furniture required at Branch Offices.

The estimates for the Finance Office, Revenue Office and Compradore's Office have been approved by the Finance Committee and Council.

More Determined To Win

Austrian Doctor's Tribute To British People; War Not Wanted, Not Feared

The "North-China Daily News" has recently seen a letter written from New York to an Austrian friend in Shanghai by an Austrian medical man who not long since arrived in the United States after spending some years in England. He writes, in part as follows (translation):—

"With regard to England and America, the feeling here is entirely pro-British, but this has only been so since the elections. You know of course, that I have always liked the English and now, since I have known them more closely, I have become their admirer. If it is given to any people to be great and to conquer the Germans, then these are they. Only they are slow to awaken and very heavy; their organization is not efficient, but they are tenacious and fear is a word they do not know.

"They do not like war; as an English soldier said to me, "I am not keen on it, but I am not afraid of it." They fight because they must, but they will not yield. It was only after Dunkirk that the danger under which they lie became clear to them, and then only partly so, for they will never grasp the whole extent of the Nazi peril.

"Each reverse only makes these people the more determind to win. They are different from the continental peoples and, I believe, a terrible foe for Hitler. The letters which I receive from England, from Englishmen, are, in their unpretentiousness and resolution, wonderful documents. . . The fate of all peoples is being fought out over there, and I believe the struggle is in safe hands. . . ."

Rice Price Reaches New High

Rumours That Grain is Being Sent Up-Country

Prices of the various kinds of rice reached another record high yesterday when even the first grade Saigon rice was sold for more than $100 per picul. The price of the native rice was quoted at $125 but one could hardly buy it from retail hongs at that price. Secret payments of "allowances," besides the price money were indulged in by merchants in the Shanghai Rice Market yesterday. They were anxious to obtain as much rice as possible. The "allowances" were consideraly increased yesterday, it was learned.

It was rumoured that besides the 10,000 piculs of rice needed by Shanghai daily, other people had been buying rice here for outports but informed Chinese circles did not believe such rumours, because Settlement authorities are very strict in supervising the export of rice from their boundary.

Kidnapper Wears Police Uniform

One of the kidnappers who carried away Mr. Wang Tso-ting, proprietor of the Fu Shing Dye Stuff Hong at A182 Avenue Foch on January 6 of this year, wore a policeman's uniform minus the number and he played the trick so well that Mr. Wang's chauffeur stopped the car in which his master was driving, thinking that the police wanted to search the vehicle. This was revealed yesterday in the First Special District Court when three suspected kidnappers recently arrested in Chinese territory by the new régime's police and extradited by the Settlement police were tried.

Gangsters Rounded Up By Police

Twenty-four gangsters involved in many crimes including several kidnappings and robberies faced the First Special District Court yesterday. In view of the complicated nature of the cases involved, the judge had to remand all of them in custody pending further investigations and postponed the hearing *sine die*. They were arrested during many raids conducted by the Central Police and five pistols and more than 200 rounds of ammunition were found in their possession. It was said that they were involved in at least 20 crimes.

Lend-Lease Bill Welcomed

China Claims Equality With Britain in Need For Supplies From U.S.

After the passage of the "lend-and-lease bill" in Washington over which the Chinese are jubilant, the most important thing is that the United States should not consider either one of the two countries, Great Britain and China, in more urgent need for aid than the other for they must be helped simultaneously, since Germany and Japan are also fighting hand in hand. Washington should also cultivate friendship with Moscow, so that they may co-operate closely in defeating the Japanese.

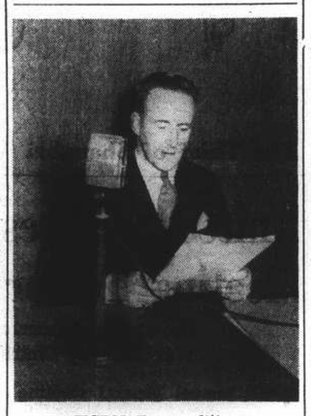
These are the hopes entertained by the "Cheng Yien Pao" a leading Chinese daily published in Shanghai. In an editorial, the paper says that the passage of the bill is the "biggest event during the present world conflict" and that the Chinese are no less jubilant than the British, for China has been wanting American help for a long time.

Insisting that no priority in time in giving aid to the democracies should be considered by the United States, the paper says that after all what China needs, as indicated by General Chiang Kai-shek, amounts to only one half of what Britain may obtain. Although Germany still maintains formidable strength while Japan has "dwindled to sunset," the United States should realize that to fight Japan is to fight Germany in order to maintain initiative in both oceans. President Roosevelt's representative has collected all data in China and what the United States should do at present is to rush all aid to China before Japan starts her southward move.

More Aid from Moscow

Moscow has been giving more aid to China than the United States and the Japanese Foreign Minister's impending visit to Moscow and Berlin is considered by the writer as another joint "diplomatic offensive" launched by Germany and Japan, and suggests that the democracies should double their efforts to co-operate with Moscow. The Communist dispute at Chungking will never affect China internally or her relations with Moscow, the paper opines.

Commenting on the same subject, the "Central China Daily News," organ of the new Nanking régime, admits that hereafter the United States should be taken into account by the Axis Powers. The paper admits that the German advance in the Balkans may be more cautiously prepared than what was at first planned, that peace in the Pacific is more remote than ever and that Stalin will make the best use of the situation to make his "last demand." The war front is more clearly indicated than ever and soon there will be a fierce conflict.



XCDN Personalities

One of the energetic volunteers of Station XCDN, Mr. H. C. Faulder arranges original programmes for the air two or three times weekly. One of them, "XCDN Friends at the Mike," is proving very popular.

Variable Weather Due To Depression

Shanghai Bewildered by Changing Conditions

The extremely variable weather Shanghai experienced yesterday and the day before is accounted for by the fact that a depression passed over the city, causing atmospheric disturbances. The warm hours on Monday marked the approach of the depression, and the thunderstorm in the evening indicated that the centre of the disturbance was overhead.

The light fall of snow experienced yesterday at noon was the aftermath, and caused by extremely cold northwesterly winds blowing across Shanghai. Siccawei Observatory characterized conditions as most unusual for Shanghai, although it is a perfectly regular sequence of weather.

Shanghailanders, however, regular sequence or not, were bewildered by the sudden changes, and many were caught napping on Monday night when the thunderstorm broke just before midnight. Yesterday, though, many took raincoats and umbrellas to work, despite favourable conditions in the morning, and were justified in their action by the snow-fall at noon. More normal weather is anticipated now that the depression has left this area.

Traffic Offender Warned

Mr. John J. Holland, a recent arrival here, was cautioned by the Registrar, Mr. C. H. Haines, in H. M. Police Court yesterday after admitting a charge of driving a car without a driving licence on Feb. 23, on Szechuen Road near Peking Road.

Defendant explained that the car belonged to a friend who had left for Hongkong and that the Municipal Police required written authority from the owner before issuing a driving licence. He agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Haines that he should not have been driving the car.

THE South Manchuria Railway Co., emphatically deny that A. Kashin, one of the suspects held in connection with alleged car thefts, has ever been connected in any capacity with the company, and repudiate all knowledge of him.

Municipal Gaol Has Highest Number of Inmates Recorded

Little Improvement Expected in 1941 Owing to Present Conditions, Annual Report Shows

A GRAND total of 8,530 prisoners, the highest in the existence of the institution, were housed in the Ward Road Gaol on January 1, 8,077 being Chinese. The latter figure rose to 8,241 by January 31, the peak recorded during the past year and since the establishment of the gaol, according to the annual report of the gaol branch of the Police Force. Owing to the conditions prevailing little or no improvement can be expected in 1941, it was stated. The report among other things stated:

"Recruiting for the Foreign Branch was held in abeyance during the year due to the suspension of long leave as a result of the European war.

"It was found to be impossible to obtain suitable Indian recruits during the year with the result that 24 of the existing vacancies were transferred to the Chinese Branch. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining Chinese recruits.

Discipline Satisfactory

"The standard of discipline in regard to the foreign and Indian branches during the year was satisfactory, but dismissals amongst the Chinese branch numbered 21. The majority of these dismissals were the result of trafficking with prisoners.

"The health of the staff was on the whole good. There was an epidemic of dengue fever during the summer months which affected quite a number of the foreign staff, but it was not of a serious nature.

"There were three deaths recorded amongst the Chinese staff whilst eight others were invalided in addition to five Indians.

"The total number of prisoners continued to rise during the early part of the year, but a gradual decline set in during the summer months. This, however, has not been maintained as the total has been on the increase once again since the month of September.

"The grand total for all three sections on January 1, was 8.530 which figure is the highest in the existence of the Gaol.

"Due to the conditions prevailing little or no improvement can be expected during 1941, unless some unforeseen changes occur.

"Armed crime is still very prevalent and at the end of the year there was a total of 3,137 prisoners detained under the heading of Robbery and Snatching.

Highest on Record

"On January 1, there were 8.077 prisoners in the Chinese section which figure rose to 8.241 on January 31. This figure was the highest recorded during the year and since the Gaol was established. The lowest figures was 7.107 on September 22.

"A total of 12,597 prisoners were admitted during the year and a total of 12.701 prisoners were released. The daily average for this section for the year was 7,596. Only 14 prisoners were released under the Amnesty Law, promulgated on June 24, 1932, during the year. This makes a total of 3.038 prisoners released under this law of which figure 1,366 or 44.9 per cent. have been rearrested for further crimes.

"Conditional releases under the regulations continued throughout the year, but only on a restricted scale. The difficulty experienced was the result of the long delay between the time of recommending a prisoner and the receipt of the despatch authorizing his release.

"A total of 1.167 cases were examined during the year by the authorized board of which only 112 prisoners were recommended for release and of which 17 were finally released.

"The number of prisoners released under these regulations since same were promulgated now total 601; this excludes those prisoners released under Special Release during 1938. Of the total number released under these regulations 107 have been re-arrested and sentenced to further terms of imprisonment. Release on Bail for Employment.—These regulations were again extended from December 31, 1939 to June 30, 1940 and again for a further period of six months to the end of the current year.

High Mortality Explained

"The higher number of releases under these regulations in comparison to conditional release is due mainly to the fact that the majority of cases considered are prisoners with short sentences and their crimes are not of a serious nature. Further, the authority for the release of prisoners under these regulations is obtained from the 2nd Branch Kiangsu High Court in Shanghai, which eliminates the delay experienced in regard to conditional release. Since December 19, 1936, the cases of 1.364 prisoners have been considered for release of which a total of 374 prisoners were finally released.

"The deaths of 414 prisoners were recorded during the year, an increase of 156 over the 1939 total. Out of a total of 414 deaths 142 prisoners contracted the fatal disease prior to their admission to the Gaol.

"With a daily average population for the year of 7,596 prisoners the crude death rate is 54.50 per mille and the corrected death rate is 35.81 per mille in comparison to 26.727 for 1939.

"The increase is attributed to the large number of prisoners who were admitted to the gaol suffering from malnutrition and other sickness.

Foreign Section

With the exception of three British Consular prisoners sentenced to death and later reprieved there is nothing outstanding to report in this section during the year. The conduct of the prisoners was good and their health satisfactory. There were two deaths during the year resulting from Chronic Mycarditics and drug habit in one case and the other, which occurred in the Municipal Isolation Hospital, from Typhus fever.

"The Convict Labour Department has been exceptionally busy throughout the year, particularly the printing department due to increased work from the various Municipal Departments and the need for economy in such work. One additional printing press was installed during the year and a further one has been ordered for 1941 to replace existing worn out machinery. The usual minor repair work within the Gaol precincts was carried out for the Public Works Department in addition to general work for the Police Department, etc. The daily average number of workmen employed during the year was 2.148.

OBITUARY

Mr. W. W. Burt

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. William W. Burt, English teacher at the Shanghai American School, at the age of 25. He was suddenly seized with an attack of encephalitis, and died within 48 hours. Mr. Burt was born in Passadena, California, in 1915, and was educated at a well-known university in that state.

He came out to Shanghai to join the staff of the S. A. S. last September. He is survived by his mother and sister, both in America.

Mr. Harriman Leaves For Britain

New York, Mar. 11.

Mr. W. Averell Harriman, famed capitalist and railroad magnate, left yesterday by Clipper plane for England where he will act as President Roosevelt's coordinator under the lend-lease bill. Mr. Harriman is chairman of the board of the Union Pacific Railroad, as well as a prominent banker and industrial captain. He will be President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London and his job will be to expedite American aid to Britain.—United Press.

No Extra Precautions By Police Today

No Meetings to Mark Dr. Sun's Death Anniversary

The sixteenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen is expected to pass quietly and no special precautions will be taken today either by the Shanghai Municipal or French police forces, apart from few extra patrols in the streets seeing to the law and order in the foreign areas.

The death anniversary of the "father of the Chinese Republic," incidentally is one of eight days of the year when Chinese in Shanghai may exhibit Kuomintang flags. These, however, will be at half-mast. No public meetings will be held by Chinese here.

Although they expect no incidents today, the Settlement police were on the look-out for suspicious-looking characters yesterday. A barbed wire barricade was placed at the southern foot of the Garden Bridge and all vehicles, going North and South, were examined, while Chinese passengers and pedestrians were searched.

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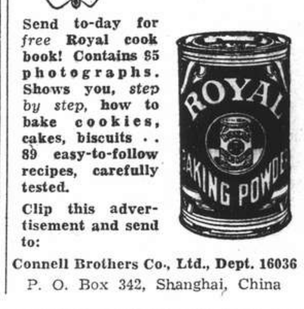

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Music or Medicine?:
The Municipal Orchestra

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is refreshing to find such a well-known medical man as Dr. O'HARA stepping into the arena anent the plight of those lowly paid, who have to suffer, while $400.000 goes down the sink each year to defray the cost of this unnecessary institution, maintained, as DR. O'HARA states, to satisfy a mere handful of this hard-pressed community, and at a time when Chinese children die in the streets by the hundred.

It makes one shudder to think of this misdirection of funds in such an atmosphere: helpless mites dying in the streets; when one year's cost invested at 6 per cent. per annum would secure a regular income of $2.000 per month, two years $4,000, three years $6,000 and so on.

That would be big money these days and could furnish a fund to be administered for needy hospital services and for those, who otherwise drag themselves wearily through life with some disability, and the want of the cost of proper medical attention.

If five years ago, the amount stated by DR. O'HARA, had been set aside as an emergency hospital fund, the principal would today reach the figure of $2,000.000, which at 6 per centi per annum (say in Shanghai Power) would be bringing in $120,000 each year, and the principal would be intact, but this sum has certainly gone up in air in every sense of the word.

We still have the liability of the Orchestra, which resembles criminal misdirection of funds—either that, or this community is mentally bankrupt.

I would willingly continue to pay for the next five years, the same proportion, in rates as would provide such a fund, subject to the total elimination of this ridiculous luxury.

AN EX BRITISH SOLDIER.

Shanghai, Mar 10.

Nero's Mental Detachment

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I have been stirred by the letter addressed to you by DR. O'HARA on the subject of the abolition of the Municipal Orchestra. This experienced and big-hearted gentleman has dispelled from my mind a cherished notion. I fancifully thought that the dispersal of the orchestra would mean a real saving to the ratepayers, but it is clear now that only a diversion of the funds for the upkeep of the Orchestra is sought, and possibly if DR. O'HARA does not succeed in getting all of it some other deserving social worker will.

No one can teach DR. O'HARA anything about the needs incidental to hospital work. His suggestion is an admirable one, and will, I hope, receive Authority's blessing.

I fancy most of us will agree that death in this city has become an extravagance that only the very rich can possibly afford to indulge in, and far exceeds the present high cost of living.

Sickness too, for those of slender means is something that at all costs must be avoided, and if the sum of $380,000 can be used in the amelioration of the lot of, say, a hundred poor sufferers, better that than a thousand well people listening to an orchestra. Pain cannot be measured in terms of music. Most people today own or have access to radio. Can one faithfully claim that the rendering of symphony by our orchestra can compare with what is available today from the air? $380.000 would buy a lot of radios.

I have said that there may be other and equally noble suggestions for spending this $380,000 at issue, but I suggest retention of the Orchestra will not be one of them.

We are told that Nero fiddled while Rome was burning, but I think even our distinguished Maestro will admit that that showed a singular example of complete mental detachment from economic affairs and but little credit to Nero.

CHARLES R. SHAW

Shanghai, Mar. 11.

Abolition of the Orchestra

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I do not think DR. O'HARA's secondary argument for the abolishing of the Orchestra, viz. that so many who enjoyed its performances, being mostly of the upper classes, have gone away, holds water. If DR. O'HARA had been a frequent attendant at the concerts he would have seen that it was not our "evacuees" who were the patrons (they, I fancy, will mainly be missed at bridge and Mahjongg tables) but a steady public consisting of middle-class people who enjoy the music offered by the Orchestra and who do not sleep during the performance nor are of the type which cannot even enjoy music from an opera such as "Aida." Surely one may be in favour of abolishing the Orchestra without resorting to arguments such as the above-named or the very old witticism about sleeping.

I think DR. O'HARA is wrong in believing that practically everyone now has a radio—on the contrary, for very many of the audience the weekly concert is their only chance to hear good music—and also he is wrong in surmising that very little, if any, distress would be caused to the musicians by the abolishing of the Orchestra—to most of us losing our jobs would be very distressful.

His first and main argument, that the money spent on the Orchestra is absolutely needed for hospitalization and that therefore the present expenditure is criminal, would be quite enough, and if it could be proved that the abolition of the Orchestra was the only reasonable way to obtain such money, then the matter is clear; but has it been so proved? I think not, and I very much doubt if, should the Orchestra be abolished, hospitalization would be one cent cheaper in future—I have lived too long around here to believe that; it would just remain as now or go higher and we would be one cultural asset the poorer.

R. K.

Shanghai, March 11.

Letter of Three Years Ago

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Being comparatively a newcomer to Shanghai, I thought that perhaps my criticism, not of the Orchestra's activities, but of the expenditure connected therewith, was not wholly justified or wrong, but looking over the files of your valued paper, I find, in the issue of April 21, 1938, a letter signed JUNIUS SECUNDUS, which could have been written yesterday.

> SIR,—Methinks CYNIC condemns the Shanghai mind all too rashly. I feel certain that your correspondence columns will be filled to overflowing with protests against the increase of the third-class ward fees of the General Hospital from $2 to $3 per day, and, when it further becomes known that patients are, henceforth, required to pay not only for proprietary medicines but also for ordinary prescriptions of physicians which, up to recently, were free, the cultured mind of Shanghai will magnificently give vent to its indignation.
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> Why, even you, Sir, as a leader of public opinion might have something to say on the subject which, I think, quite deserves your attention.
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> In the meantime, let the Municipal Orchestra take its stand at the gates of the General Hospital where, figuratively speaking, there stand, waiting for admittance, the sick who have not even got $2 or $1 or even 10 cents who, in fact, wait for a free bed, maybe since weeks. Let our only "cultural" institution give some of its finest selections to these ailing poor. Maybe they will then die sooner and save the Hospital the expense of bed, board and medicine, but they will die happy in the knowledge that their sacrifice was not in vain and that an incomparable organization has been preserved for this great and, in many ways, truly extraordinary city.
>
> JUNIUS SECUNDUS.

Tempora mutantur, and the $2 of 1938 are $8 of today. Who of those who have to make use of a hospital charging $8 has experienced an increase of 300 per cent. in his income?

INQUIRER.

Shanghai, March 11.

That Football Match:
What Another Spectator Saw

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could you or any of your readers and football enthusiasts tell me why the Aurora Field is still open for games between Chinese and foreign teams? Maybe the Association could solve this riddle. What is the difference between Aurora and Kiaochow Park? None, except the former is in a worse condition.

Anyway, a very bad showing of rotten sportmanship was given during the Old Westonian and Y. T. T. game. Foreign players of the former team were fouled with the full approval of the unruly spectators and the last but not least, the referee. The latter seemed scared of the crowd who would, it seemed lynch him if fouls were awarded. When a foreign player was crocked, no whistle was blown, and this is one of the few examples.

When the score was in favour of the Chinese side during the end period of the game, the Chinese began playing for time by kicking the ball outside as much as possible purposely. They also dallied on their free kicks and throw-ins, amid the joyful yells of the Chinese spectators.

A riot would have arisen if the few foreigners did not keep their heads by ignoring the taunts and insults of the unruly surging mob. Let's hope we see at least one policeman during future games. No fair play is possible if adequate protection is not supplied. Fortunately the count was a draw—otherwise a few foreigners would now be recovering in hospital.

FAIR PLAY.

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Glasgow's Feat:
An Example to Shanghai

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Sunday's "North-China" reported that Glasgow in War Weapons *Week* raised over £10,000,000. The same paper reported that the British Community in Shanghai was short by over £5,000 of its *monthly* quota of £10.000 for the same cause. The closing date for Shanghai's subscription is Saturday next. This is an appeal, more particularly to all Scotsmen in Shanghai, to do their bit to see that we do not fall down on the March quota. The times are difficult, the calls on everyone's purse are numerous and heavy; but it can legitimately be urged that the V.W.C.F. should come first in our thoughts.

There is no necessity to dwell on the reasons why we should give. They are well known to all of us. Also, Churchill has ordered the nation to cut all verbiage and to act. That is an order which has a particular appeal for Scotsmen, with an already established reputation for paucity of words and plenitude of bawbees.

A Banker's Order, a cheque, or a cash remittance is what is wanted by the Fund, to-day most of all, but before Saturday for certain. Send it to Wayfoong or Makalee. Scotland for ever!

CRAIGELLACHIE.

Shanghai, March 11.

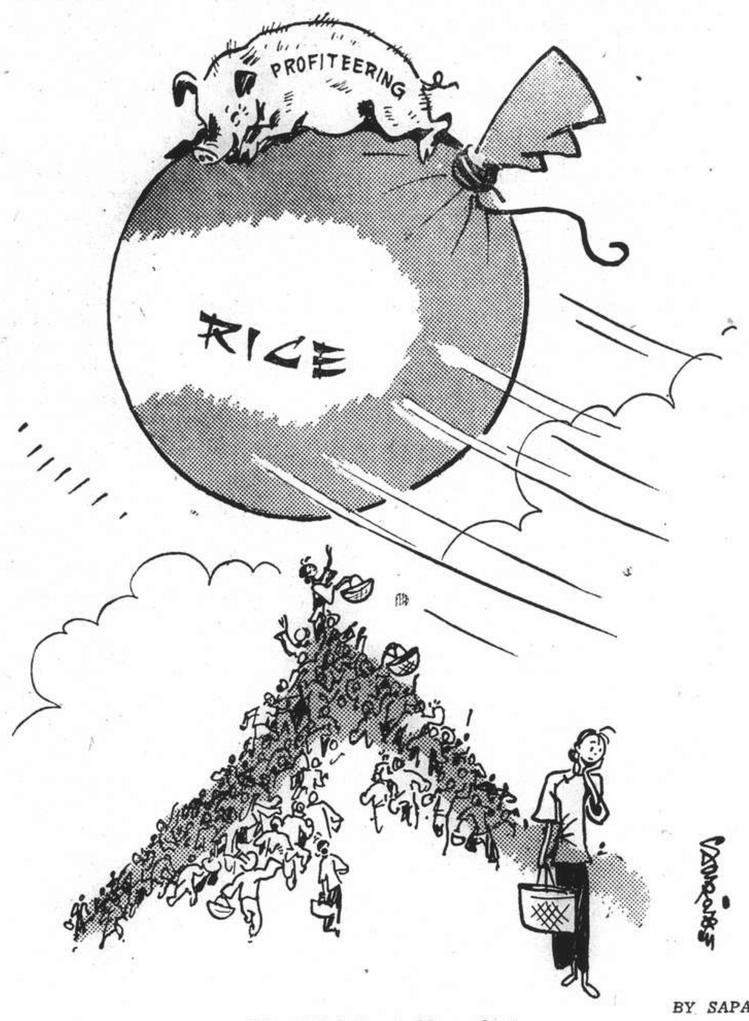
Infallibility:
The Catholic Encyclopædia

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I would like to be allowed the courtesy of your columns to inform those of your Protestant readers who hitherto have had to rely on the authority of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" for their opinions on Catholic matters, that a full edition of "The Catholic Encyclopædia" has been presented to the Municipal Library where it can be consulted when desired.

MAMBA.

Shanghai, Mar. 11.



BY SAPAJOU

The Thief of Shanghai

Situation Said Very Critical
Col. Knox Declares U.S. Safety Due to Britain's Air and Sea Power

New Orleans, Mar. 11.

The Democracies' situation is "very critical" and the whole World is closer to a more frightful form of war than it was 90 days ago, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said here yesterday.

"The situation is very, very critical," Col. Knox said.

He conceded that Britain "has been stopped" but added emphatically, "they have not been conquered."

Col. Knox urged a two-ocean Navy, the most powerful in the World, for the United States. He also said the United States must have the most powerful air force in the World and an army "equal to any."

"We can't lose sight of the fact that Germany has built the greatest military machine the World has ever known," Col. Knox said. "We are safe only because of two factors—British sea power and British air power."—United Press.

Shipbuilders for Canada

Ottawa, Mar. 11.

A number of experienced British shipbuilders are on their way to Canada to help contruct destroyers, which are being "pushed along" as quickly as possible, stated Mr. Howe, Minister of Supply, in the Canadian House of Commons today.—Reuter.

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1.30 Peter Adam's German Programme
2.00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary
2.30 Dance Music
3.30 Woman and Home, including "The Babbling Diary" Short Story by Peter Fabrizius, read by the author, at 3.50 p.m.
4.30 Chinese Programme
5.00 Professor Wei Chung-loh
6.30 Czechoslovak Programme
7.00 Relay of B.B.C. News and (Conditions Permitting)
7.30 French News and Commentary
8.00 "Music a la Carte"—Request Programme conducted by Kenneth Mackenzie
9.00 News in English followed by B.B.C. Programme and Local Announcements
9.20 "As I See it." Talk
9.30 Tale of Melody. Recital by Ferdinand Adler (violin) and Henry Margotlinski (pianoforte)
10.00 Short Story, read by William Howard
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11.00 Late Night Final
11.10 Peter Adam's German Programme
11.40 Dance Music
12.00 Relay of B.B.C. News (Conditions Permitting)

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6.30 Chinese music.
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7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music.
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Rivière. Life in London's underground air shelters according to documents and personal letters.
8.15 Light music.
8.30 News in French.
8.45 Light music.
9.00 News in English.
9.30 Concert:

"Pagliacci" opera by Leoncavallo.

United Services Association Meeting Tomorrow
Society Particularly Active in Forwarding Local War Efforts; Charitable Works Continued

THE annual general meeting of the British United Services Association will be held in the Dome tomorrow evening at 5.30 o'clock, when the annual report of the committee, and the statement of accounts will be presented to members. The association was particularly active during 1940 in forwarding the war efforts of various organizations, and has made large contributions to the war funds. Armistice Day observance last year was curtailed, following the practice in England and various parts of the Empire.

After some preliminaries, the report makes mention of the death of nine Great War veterans, including Pilot Officer W. E. Holland, and expresses regret. It goes on to state.

"It has been our pleasure during the year to keep in close touch with ex-service institutions at home and throughout the Empire and mutual assistance and information has been exchanged on all possible occasions. Our membership as a Constituent of the British Empire Service League and our Association with the British Legion has been maintained and once more we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the staff of the League's Headquarters in London for their unfailing courtesies and their readiness at all times to assist our members upon arrival Home. Members of the Association who have been forced to take long leave in various parts of the Empire instead of going Home report that our various affiliations, especially those in Australia and Canada, have been of great value.

"Your Committee are happy to report that only a few cases of distress among members and other ex-service men occurred during the year and these were promptly and generously dealt with while some members who became unemployed were soon placed in new positions. The Association through its executive officers, continues to assist Great War and other war veterans in a variety of ways.

Charitable Activities

"The difficulty of sorting genuine cases from those which endeavour to exploit various charities continues but the presence on your Committee of men who have been associated with our endeavours during past years precludes this type from imposing upon us to any serious extent, while the activities of the Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities does much to direct to more suitable venues certain undesirable applicants for assistance.

"Your Committee continues to regard repatriation as the most effective means of dealing with unemployment but in view of the war and the number of men who have left Shanghai for active service in various parts of the world it is felt that it should not be difficult for Britons to find employment locally at this time. Repatriation grants have therefore been suspended and the cost of assisted passages avoided whenever possible. More especially has this course been desirable in view of the adverse exchange conditions.

Empire Observances

It was considered inadvisable to hold the usual Empire Day Service last year, and the afternoon entertainment was also dispensed with. A flag-raising ceremony at the Consulate-General was sponsored by the association, however, Mr. A. H. George, H.M. Consul-General, addressing the gathering.

The report continues by stating, "Your association has been identified with various war efforts sponsored by the B.R.A., B.W.A. and other British institutions. The A.D.C. production 'The Man with a load of Mischief' sponsored by the Association netted $1,500 profit. This is held by the Association and set aside for the care of those men who return to Shanghai when the war is over. Fifty per cent. of the gross receipts of our Poppy Day Appeal was sent to the Central British War Fund for the benefit of the British Red Cross amounting to $15,000, while another $1,100 was donated by reason of the saving on wreaths usually laid at the War Memorial, the ceremony being omitted from the 1940 observances. It is known that our members contributed to an appreciable extent to the B.R.A. Raffle for the Voluntary War Contribution Fund which resulted in approximately $256,000 being sent home to assist the Government as a direct gift from Shanghai. Most of our members have purchased the small 'Union Jack' button designed and sold by Mrs. Herbert Ellis. This commendable effort on the part of one of our members has resulted in a large sum being subscribed to the Central British War Fund. The flags are obtainable at all British clubs and institutions and our members are urged to buy one and wear it."

Evacuation Warning to Singapore Residents
East and West Coastal Regions Affected

Singapore, Mar. 10.

The British authorities here today notified residents of the east and west coastal regions in the 200 square mile areas of Singapore island to prepare to evacuate "areas where it is expected that fighting will take place if Singapore is attacked by sea."

The notification stressed that the action was of a precautionary nature, however, it added that since it might be impossible to give more than 48 hours warning, it was "necessary to get ready now."

Meanwhile, civilians throughout British Malaya were given a taste of war-time conditions when comprehensive defence measures, which began on March 6, entered their second phase in which the land, sea and air forces, with all civilian units, met in a simulated attack on the peninsula.

All air-raid precautions and posts were manned as Singapore withstood two mock bombing raids and prepared to enforce a complete blackout tonight.—Domei.

Bus Workers Strike In New York
3,500 Quit When Demands for Wage Increase Rejected

New York, Mar. 10.

Gotham today suffered its first major transportation strike in 25 years as bus drivers operating on 27 routes and serving 875.000 residents of Manhattan and Queens staged a walk-out at 5 o'clock this morning.

Six-hundred uniformed policemen were watching the 12 garages of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company and the New York City Omnibus Company, which together serve about 95 per cent. of Manhattan routes and one line in Queens.

Three-thousand five-hundred employees of both companies were reported to have struck when their demands for a 25 pre cent. wage increase and better working conditions were rejected.—Domei.

Japanese Correspondent Killed in Action

Aomori, Mar. 10.

To the long list of Japanese reporters and photographers who were killed while "covering" the China conflict was added today the name of Mr. Ryoichi Minami, war correspondent for the "Towa Nippo."

According to an official report reaching the bereaved family, Mr. Minami was killed on Saturday morning at Lingchwan near the Shansi border. Mr. Minami, was 35 years old.—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 12, 1871

We are able to print today the report by H.M. Consul at Ningpo of the trade at that port during the year 1870. It will be seen that this shows a total increase of Tls. 834,000, referable to foreign imports and Chinese exports, the trade in native imports having fallen off. A decrease is shown in the shipping of every flag except the American, the inference being that Shanghai is becoming more and more closely connected with Ningpo, and that the trade is being carried on more and more exclusively by the S.S.N. steamers.

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13 GREY PONY Good hack and quiet to ride.
14 PORT DOUGLAS Black, 13-0, A/26, Good and quiet Racing pony. Placed several times. Classified 6th, 6th, and 7th Class pony.
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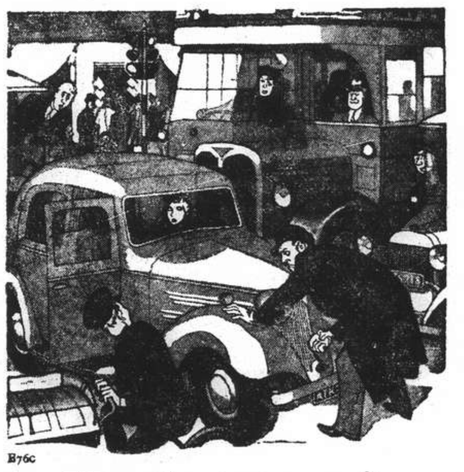

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FALSE SENTIMENTALITY

The question of the feeding of the occupied countries of Europe and also unoccupied France has again been brought to the fore by the refusal of the British Government to permit the United States vessel Exmouth, carrying 300 tons of oatmeal to France, to pass through the blockade. The matter was disposed of once and for all by a declaration by Mr. Winston Churchill last year that any relaxation of the blockade in favour of the countries overrun by Germany, or unoccupied France "would directly or indirectly assist the enemy's war effort." It was argued at the time that as supplies were sent to the unhappy countries of Europe the Germans would requisition further supplies from them, and though M. Pierre Laval's journal, the "Moniteur" declares that "the British blockade has no pity for French children and invalids," there is apparently no attempt to make it equally clear that the Germans have no pity for precisely the same people. If greater proof were wanted of the utterly callous disregard by the enemy for the sufferings of the people brought into temporary subjection under them the announcement by Vichy that the free zone of France has been called upon to deliver 600 tons of poultry to the occupied zone and German officials surely supplies it. If further evidence were required of the same fact, the wanton destruction, for purposes of revenge, of the Lofoten fishing industry as a reprisal for the successful British raid there, would undoubtedly provide it. Two million fish per diem have been denied the people of Norway and of Germany to whom a portion of the daily catch was exported. Chickens, admirable food for children and invalids, are being requisitioned for the sustenance of Germans in the occupied zone and severe poultry restrictions in the unoccupied French zone are the result.

The story of what has happened in the occupied countries during the past months is plain for all men to see. Denmark's rich dairy industry has been ruined by the inroads of the Germans either by confiscation, or the fraudulent purchase of the good with useless Reichsmarks. Holland and Belgium have been similarly treated. Occupied France has been denuded of its crops and much of its cattle. Unoccupied France is being forced to pay tribute not only in money but in kind, and the result is that Europe under the German heel is being completely starved despite the German boasts of a few months ago that there were ample stocks in Europe to feed the whole of its population until the next harvest. It is while Germany is robbing these unfortunate countries of their foodstuffs, that well intentioned men like Mr. Hoover and others are seeking to obtain permission to send food to Europe which would merely serve to replace that of which the Germans are robbing it. It is apparent that if Britain were to consent to any such arrangement the exactions which the German armies of occupation would make would undoubtedly increase, and the general effect of any weakening of the present stand would be that in the long run the philanthropists of the United States would in fact be feeding the people of the totalitarian Powers.

What guarantee is there that, if the Exmouth were allowed to land her 300 tons of oatmeal, Germany would not demand an equal amount of other foodstuffs? Hitler's word? That is not worth the breath in which it might be uttered. The man knows nothing of pity, and would willingly allow other people to die of starvation just so long as his own people were fed, and so prevented from revolt. There is absolutely no form of guarantee by which it could be assured that Germany would not immediately benefit from any foodstuffs which might be allowed to enter unoccupied France, not even if Mr. Hoover himself sought to provide one. If he did he would have no means of enforcing it. The fact is that much as everyone must regret the unenviable lot of those European countries being milked dry by the Germans, assistance to them such as Mr. Hoover plans would merely enable the enemy to proceed further with the milking process. It is indeed a tragic state of affairs, but responsibility for it does not rest with Great Britain, but with the evil men who calculatingly have reduced, and are still further reducing the means whereby the people they have temporarily enslaved are able to live.

IN N. E. AFRICA

While only very scanty news concerning developments in north and north-east Africa are available statements made by General Smuts, and General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-chief in India, on the subject are of singular interest at this particular juncture. General Smuts after a visit to Egypt and East Africa foretells a quick ending to the fighting in Abyssinia and Somaliland. Things were going remarkably well, he is reported as having said, the Somaliland campaign was practically finished, and he believed that the fighting in Abyssinia was entering its final phase. In Somaliland the British troops have been making rapid advances, and the manner in which they have pushed on beyond Mogadishu is indicative not only of the definite superiority of the British, but also of the very weakened *moral* of the Italians who have received a severe hammering during the past few weeks wherever they have come into contact with British forces. As a result of the capture of Mogadishu the British have been able to move up the Webi Shabelli, and are consequently now able to enter Abyssinia from the south-east. The picture is presented of British troops reinforced by Ethiopian patriots pushing into the country from the north-west, the west, south and south-east, though it is from the direction of the first two that the most progress has been made.

In the provinces of Amhara and Gondar the British troops and their allies, operating out of the Sudan, have made remarkable progress and should it continue for a comparatively short time more the fall of Addis Ababa may be confidently expected. That may not mean the recapture of the whole of the country from the Italians at once, for the latter may be expected to continue fighting a rearguard action as they fall back on Eritrea, but judging from all appearances the reduction of the Ethiopian capital will be the signal for Italian forces in the east to withdraw northward for a final stand in the Italian colony. The British invasion of Eritrea is not proceeding so quickly as it did in the initial stages. From Kassala into Eritrea the British advance was rapid up to and after the capture of Agordat, but the Italians have concentrated the cream of their forces at Keren, surrounded by strongly fortified, precipitous heights and obviously a place where a final stand should be made. Naturally the British are proceeding with the utmost caution in order in the first place not to lose too many in casualties, and in the second to make sure that when the place can be attacked there shall be every chance of its proving quickly successful. War has been described as long periods of boredom punctuated by brief periods of great excitement. This war is proving no exception to that definition, and what was seen in northern Africa, in the Libyan campaign, when a long period of preparation suddenly gave way to a swiftly successful onslaught on the Italians, is being repeated in Eritrea. There can be no doubt that directly the time comes the British command will strike hard at Keren, and once that stronghold is reduced the rounding up of the Italian forces in Eritrea should be only a matter of time, and that not very long.

It is interesting to note the high tribute paid by General Auchinleck to the magnificent part played by the Indian troops in these campaigns, who first demonstrated their loyalty, and the efficiency of their training during the long months they were on the defensive facing an enemy immensely superior in numbers, and possessed of overwhelming superiority in the air, and then changing over to the offensive with an *élan* which was only to be expected of them. As General Auchinleck has stated the North African campaign would be regarded as one of the greatest achievements of British and Indian troops in shattering the Italian menace to Egypt, after which it became possible to transfer the Indian troops to north-east Africa where they have again been distinguishing themselves. Their appearance there was the signal for a general onslaught in Italian East Africa and the successes they have obtained have been a repetition of those secured in Libya. It is one of the outstanding features of the British imperial system that it is able to produce such loyal fighters as the Indian levies are proving themselves to be.

Independent Testimony

Commenting on the bombing raids on London and the raid on Coventry, the London correspondent of the Tokyo "Asahi" states: "If I am asked whether these German raids did in fact break up Britain's war industry, her fighting command or her *moral*, I am bound to reply 'No'." The value of this testimony is made all the greater by the circumstance that the facts have not always been impartially presented in the Japanese press. There appears to have been a tendency to play down British successes, and play up those achieved by the Germans. Damage seems to have been consistently overestimated, with the apparent idea of impressing upon the Japanese public that the Allies are on their last legs and that a German victory is just round the corner. Indeed, in the message quoted, there rings a tone almost of regret that the correspondent could not report otherwise than he did. "I am bound to reply 'No.'" Possibly this tone is a result of the difficulty of accurate translation from Japanese into English. Be that as it may, the significance of the despatch lies in the fact that a correspondent of a newspaper which is published in an Axis country denies the claims made by the German High Command that Britain's war industry has been crippled by the Luftwaffe, and in his assertion that neither production nor *moral* have been affected. Since the Nazis began their aerial *Blitzkrieg* on Britain, there has been a constant stream of independent and neutral testimony as to the failure of the Germans to strike in any vital spot. This is not to say that industrial enterprises have not been damaged, or factories have always escaped unscathed. But long before the actual outbreak of this war, Britain had been prepared for aerial bombardment, possibly on a worse scale than that which has already occurred. Alternative sites for industrial plants located in areas exposed to attack were prepared. With a result that in the case of one factory in the London zone which was completely gutted in the earlier massed raids, the plant was able to resume normal functioning in the "shadow" factory prepared, within one week. The customers of the factory received circulars reassuring them that deliveries of their orders would not be delayed, or if delayed, would be only a litte behind the promised schedule. And it should not be forgotten that the campaign that "Britain can deliver the goods" was not started until after the Nazis had done their worst from the air. So long as the Nazi menace exists, there must, of course, be a continuous threat to British industry, whether war industry or otherwise. It would be idle, therefore, to attempt to minimize the possibilities of serious disruption. But it is satisfactory to note that to date the Nazis have had very little success. And with the signing of the Lend and Lease Bill by President Roosevelt today, the importance of any success they may manage to win in the future is greatly lessened. What Britain cannot make for herself, she will be able to get from the United States.

STRAY NOTES

March 10.—Sunday was certainly "Teal Day" in the country, for in the course of a ten mile walk the birds seemed to me to spring up from every pond and creek. These are the "small duck" of the shooting world and I would like to pause a moment to examine their name: here we say Common Teal: in America they would be called Green-winged Teal: and science calls them *Nettion crecca crecca*, or to use the older name, *Querquedula crecca*, which really means "the quack-quack which is crake-like"...a phrase which, be it noted, throws no bouquets at the Teal's voice. And yet I could swear that as little groups of these birds went chasing each other through the springlike air, the sound they made was quite musical. I was interested to read an American writer on the subject of the Teal when he said, "the celerity with which it can *vault into the air* when alarmed is astonishing": a statement which, if taken in conjunction with such remarks as the one I made above, that the birds "spring up from every pond and creek" will show why the older writers always referred to "a spring of Teal" instead of a whisp, gaggle, skein or whatnot. But the little "springs" or flocks to which I refer must not be in any way confused with the immense flocks (or shall we say swarms?) of these birds which gather together in such places as the middle Yangtsze when the Teal are really off to their breeding grounds in the far North: La Touche writes of such a swarm at Shasi, "The noise made by the flight resembled that of an approaching earthquake, and the large Chinese building in which I was shook as the birds went over...in the dusk I noted that they extended from horizon to horizon." Such gigantic movements are not to be seen in our pent-up countryside: we only see the birds gathering together after their winter retreat and doing a little quiet feeding on any odd piece of water: for the Teal like Mrs. Gamp always likes to put his lips to a little nourishment "when so disposed."—E.S.W.

AMERICAN NEED OF SILK

Used for Powder Bags and Parachutes

Is the military need of the United States for Japanese silk a controlling factor in withholding a total embargo on Japanese imports? From time to time, this question has been a matter of discussion when the subject of strategic raw materials has been under consideration, writes Capt. Frederick L. Oliver in the "Christian Science Monitor." In so far as the United States Navy is concerned silk is a strategic raw material that is extensively used for powder bags and parachutes. Not necessarily Japanese silk, but inasmuch as Chinese and Italian silks are at present unavailable, Japan now affords the only large source of supply.

All modern breech-loading guns fall into two general classes—the case gun and the bag gun. The case gun uses what is known as fixed ammunition in which the power, shell, case, and primer are assembled into what the layman would recognize as a cartridge. The bag gun uses what is termed separate ammunition. As may be gathered from this term, the shell and the powder are inserted separately into the chamber of the gun, the powder being contained in a strong silk bag of a diameter and length appropriate for the calibre of the gun with which it is used.

Silk is used for this purpose because it is more completely burned when the gun is fired than is any other material having the necessary strength for use as a powder bag. Before silk came into use for this purpose, woollen bags were used, because the unconsumed particles of that material had little tendency to smoulder. It could not be trusted, however, and the bore of the gun had to be swabbed with water after every round. The rapidity with which modern guns are fired precludes the loss of time entailed by this operation.

With the case gun, the powder of a succeeding charge is not exposed to embers remaining in the powder chamber of the gun, but with the bag gun the opposite holds true, and constitutes a grave danger to the gun crew. In fact, the Navy has, in the past, experienced a number of serious accidents occasioned by powder charges having been ignited in such a manner. To prevent the possibility of incompletely consumed particles of burning silk or powder remaining in the powder chamber, all bag guns in the United States Navy are fitted with a device which admits high pressure air into the chamber of the gun just as the breech-block opens. This operates to blow all embers through the muzzle of the gun.

In addition, all turrets are air tight, and while firing is in progress, are maintained under a slight air pressure which serves to send a supplementary current of air through the bore of the gun when the breech is opened. These improvements make it possible to use material other than silk for powder bags, but as long as the latter is available its use is preferred.

Tests Made of Linen Parachutes

Parachutes have to be made from a light strong material, otherwise the considerable amount of cloth required to provide the necessary retarding area when open, will make a cumbersome pack, and space in a military airplane is at a premium. Experiments have been conducted with materials to supplant the use of silk for this purpose, among which was a special grade of linen that gave fairly satisfactory results. More recently, nylon has been under test, but the result of this experiment has not been made public. If the claims set forth concerning the use of this material for other purposes are authentic, it would seem to have possibilities as material for parachutes.

Silk has long been the accepted material for parachutes, and when one has to launch himself into space, he wants the best obtainable parachute, hence the disinclination of aviators to accept another material is quite understandable.

It seems fairly obvious, however, that the immense number of parachutes being used abroad at the present time cannot all be made of silk, and suggests that a satisfactory substitute has been developed.

Probably the Army and the Navy have accumulated large stocks of silk for parachutes and powder bags, but stores of this character which appear stupendous in time of peace, invariably fall far short of war-time requirements. The responsible authorities unquestionably are fully aware of this fact, and undoubtedly are prepared to make substitutions for silk should the need arise. There has been no intimation that the Government is commandeering all imports of Japanese silk, and until such a move is made, there would seem little reason to believe that the need for silk is exerting any influence upon the diplomatic policy of the United States.

IN PARENTHESIS

Instructor

MISTRESS: "Now, more than anything else, I want a maid who has some refinement."

Maid: "Yassum! But ah'll have to charge mo' ef ah has to instruct you all in de ways o'sassiety!"

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Use of Words

THERE was that in his hollow and angular carriage, in his dark, damaged eyes—a scar cut across the left brow and lid corner—his witty nose and tragic mouth, surmounted by a minute moustache like a chickadee perched on a barbed-wire barricade, that suggested military experience and endured adventure.—From "If Love I Must," by Katherine Newlin Burt, in the "Ladies' Home Journal."

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Rude Remark

ALGERNON Swinburne was dining with a literary friend, and Lady Burne-Jones, wife of the great Victorian artist, was present. Wine having circulated to an extent which caused the poet's eye to roll in a fine frenzy Swinburne was foolish enough to address some rude remark to Lady Burne-Jones, who made the following retort. "Your remarks savour of the stye, Mr. Swine born."

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Letter to a Stomach

MY Dear Stomach,

As you have complained so frequently of the way in which you have been treated during our long association, I thought that I might have received a letter of thanks from you after our week-end in Gloucestershire.

The holiday was mainly for your benefit, because of your recent complaints of "siren stomach."

Yours faithfully,
N. GUBBINS ("Sunday Express.").

DEAR Sir,

In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that both your liver and myself are not ungrateful for the short respite, as you might have noticed by an increased appetite and several nights of undisturbed sleep.

But since we are aware that you can write a column from any part of the country, we want to know why the hell you came back.

Yours faithfully,
YOUR STOMACH.

MY Dear Stomach.

You have forgotten that we are volunteers in the local Home Guard.

Yours faithfully,
N. GUBBINS.

DEAR Sir,

We would respectfully suggest that you use a little imagination and transfer to the Gloucestershire Home Guard.

Faithfully,
YOUR STOMACH.

MY Dear Stomach and Liver.

Are you both yellow?

Yours faithfully,
N. GUBBINS.

DEAR Sir,

In view of the amount of alcohol you send down during a *blitzkrieg* we would like to ask you the same question.

Faithfully,
YOUR STOMACH AND LIVER.

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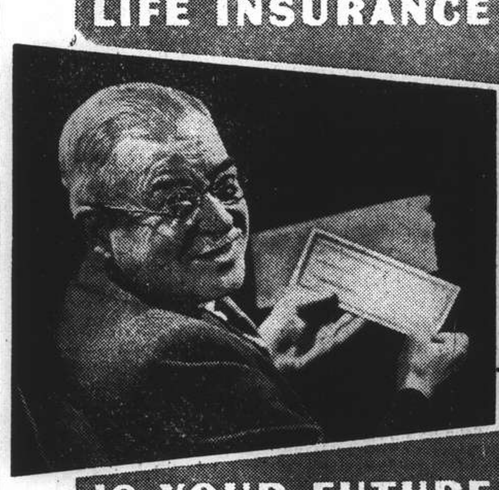

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Mrs. McDonnell-Hilden Retain Mixed Doubles Ten-Pin Title

Spectators Keyed to Fever-Pitch as Champions Pull Through Brilliant Rally in Final Round

MRS. McDonnell and Hilden retained the City Mixed Doubles Ten-Pin Championship last night in the final round played at the Foreign "Y" on a brilliant last-minute rally to wrest the lead by 16 points from Miss Prince and Dolinsek, leaders of the opening rounds.

Excitement was at fever pitch as the favourites—Miss Prince-Dolinsek and Mrs. McDonnell-Hilden—took the runways at 7 o'clock. By this time the scores of Mrs. Prince-Pote-Hunt and the Hales had been recorded with the latter in the lead on a grand total of 2964, leaving the opening round leaders with a tally of 912 to shoot at and Mrs. McDonnell-Hilden faced with a combined triple of 994 to deadlock the score.

The opening frame saw Miss Prince dogged with hard luck, as time and again she would be left with impossible "splits." Her partner, on the other hand, maintained his "strike" vein of the second round as he scattered the pins for a single of 210. Their rivals were not to be out-done, however, as they set a fairly consistent pace in the warming-up string to turn in a team triple of 827.

The tide of fortune turned in the next frame as the eventual winners crashed through with a triple of 369 to their rivals' 205 thus closing the gap between them to a bare couple of points. Here Mrs. McDonnell decisively proved her title of being the best woman kegler in the City for her single of 200 carried six strikes, four of which were in a row.

The third string saw the leaders "shoot their bolt." Mediocre bowling brought them a triple of 316 to their opponents' steady clip of 334 giving the latter the title for the second consequtive year.

Mrs. McDonnell's session in the final round created a mild sensation as her trundling in the league series was far below her usual standard. Mrs. Sobel with her "slow strikes" won quite a following, while her partner's hefty rolls flashed spasms of his old-time prowess on the alleys.

The final round was studded with several scores over the 200-mark with Mrs. McDonnell well up with the City's best keglers. The honours of the day went to L. C. Kew on his triple of 593 which included the high single of 216.

The results in detail follow:—

	1st & 2nd Rounds				Grand Total
Mrs. McDonnell	965	162	200	160	
Hilden	1,008	165	169	174	3,001
Miss Prince	829	111	114	156	
Dolinsek	1,224	210	181	156	2,985
Mrs. Hale	912	153	169	163	
Hale	1,063	163	161	160	2,964
Mrs. Prince	860	126	137	131	
Pote-Hunt, J.O.	1,146	178	158	172	2,908
Mrs. Collaco	823	159	152	150	
Gonsalves	1,032	174	202	183	2,875
Mrs. Sobel	853	180	138	159	
Kleffel	1,007	200	155	170	2,962
Mrs. Swan	898	140	129	171	
Swan	942	168	173	168	2,777
Mrs. Bradley	763	155	179	145	
Chantural	993	189	155	186	2,765
Miss Picozzi	730	103	130	132	
L. C. Kew	1,057	218	191	186	2,745
Mrs. Hagnauer	775	135	121	129	
Roles	924	192	179	186	2,641
Miss Nichols	680	118	156	131	
Taylor	1,039	152	164	190	2,630
Mrs Boardman	739	123	118	154	
Marshall	940	152	167	156	2,604
Mrs. Squires	633	113	103	185	
Squires	1,059	202	171	201	2,567
Mrs. Schmid	782	167	137	141	
Schmid	873	134	168	160	2,562
Miss Wootten	738	139	144	115	
Gallop	896	179	156	158	2,555
Miss V. Jackson	715	167	141	152	
Bennett	891	142	168	179	2,555
Mrs. Bowern	697	78	137	140	
Krause	983	157	149	202	2,543
Mrs Dunn	791	143	111	97	
Pickup	883	169	160	164	2,513
Mrs. Bojesen	662	127	110	122	
Butler	1,030	148	147	166	2,512
Miss Waemoth	754	98	100	133	
Dalton	990	166	116	144	2,501
Mrs. Eisenhut	804	110	99	132	
Eisenhut	865	164	135	145	2,454
Mrs. Aeschbach	657	142	137	128	
Aeschbach	860	120	142	189	2,375
Miss M. Brewer	423	102	115	127	
Hebel	941	121	165	134	2,128

Shanghai Golf Club Japanese Cup Draw

The following is the draw for the Japanese Cup, together with the Starting Times. The competition will played off over the Seekingiao course on Sunday, March 16.

Conditions are 18 holes two Ball foursomes against Bogey, three eight of combined handicaps allowance.

9.04 B. C. Allan and P. G. A. Cantopher *v.* F. De Jong and P. Isherwood.
9.08 P. H. Scoones and W. R. McCutcheon *v.* R. T. Dwyer and T. Osorio.
9.12 L. A. McCauley and H. E. Cameron *v.* O. C. Kenen and A. D. Denton.
9.16 I. L. G. Wheeler and L. Sanhiere *v.* B. S. Jenkins and J. O. Drysdale.
9.20 T. D. Drysdale and W. Beveridge *v.* F. Cowherd and T. S. Parry.
9.24 A. L. Piper and J. M. Pearson *v.* R. D. Bell and P. E. Smith.
9.28 W. W. Jourdin and A. Pratt *v.* A. J. Clark and H. W. Snow.
9.32 W. M. Chalmers and W. H. C. Huggett *v.* J. F. Brister and W. H. B. Rigg.
9.36 T. C. G. Pearson and J. A. Blackwood *v.* S. J. H. Fox and F. Marshall

Handball Championships Won by F. Tchakalian

For the third successive year, Francis Tchakalian captured the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Singles Handball Championship when he beat his brother, Maurice, in the last three games on Monday by the narrow scores, of 21-19; 16-21, 21-18.

Both players had boasted a series of five wins. With his victory yesterday, Francis retained his unbroken sting of triumphs in the League. Maurice Tchakalian occupies the runner-up position. Meanwhile, the tie for third place was broken when K. L. Sung beat Linonchen, 21-20, 13-2, 21-16.

In the other game of the night, A.A. Wurm defeated H. L. Chang by one-sided scores, to take the fifth place, while H. L. Chang took cellar position.

The game between the brothers proved to be the closes one in league play. The champion just managed to win the first game by two points, 21-19, but lost to second game when his brother started out in a grand style to win 21-16. The third and crucial game was a hair-rasing battle for supremacy.

The scores follow:—

F. Tchakalian beat M. Tchakalian, 21-19, 16-21, 21-18.
A. A. Wurm beat H. L. Chang, 21-12.
K. L. Sung beat Lin-on-Chen, 21-20, 13-21, 21-16.

Boxing

The Winner is Happy Welch

No need for the Referee's casting vote in this instance. By unanimous consent, "Happy" Welch, the newly-crowned Welter-Weight Champion of China, gets the nod and his glove is lifted high in the air.....

In fistiania circles "Happy" Welch, the pride of the U.S. Fourth Marines, during his short stay here has gained a reputation of being a crowd-pleaser par-excellence.

Every so often there flashes across the local squared-ring a fighter whose praises are sung, and "Happy" Welch is following in the footsteps of the stalwarts before him. Literally, fame came to "Happy" overnight as he readily admits that, though born of fighting stock, he has never had any fights worth recording. As a kid he would don the gloves more in jest and it was only when he touched the shores of the "muddy" Whangpoo that the fight game took a grip on him. His three fights to the title of Welter-weight Champion of China were easy, the only time he was extended being in the closing rounds of his clash with "Young" Dundee. Here he fought a brainy battle and secured the "crown" on a well-earned decision.

While local promoters are visualising a clash between the Marine and Levchenko in the near future it would seem more in line if the latter was first pitted against Dundee, with the winner of this scrap a logical challenger for the title, belt and what-have-you. There is no side-stepping on the part of the Champion. In fact he is "rarin" to go and has learned that continual appearances in the arena will give him that highly-valued asset—experience.

The long waits in between bouts and the lackadaisical efforts on the part of promoters have often urged him to throw up the game for good. He is still young and, like all, desirous of laying off the tedious training spells for the highlights. All he needs at the moment is careful handling and, though he will not blossom into a world beater, nevertheless, he will be able to hold his own against all-comers in this part of the world without much difficulty.

Practice Match of Pressmen Postponed

The downpour yesterday forced the postponement of the Press practice game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon and no further date had been set. The Knights of the Typewriter, however, are not dismayed by this, being absolutely sure of taking the whistle-wielders into camp when they meet them at the Aurora on Sunday morning. This "classic" of the year will see Press recover the cup, which was lost to the Refs by error last year.

Soccer Sidelights

Scoring six goals against S.R.C., Jimmy Ward of the Association Sportive Francaise jumped into the lead of goal standings, leading the field with 22 points. The complete list, with several new additions, follows:—

22 goals: J. Ward (A.S.F.)
Nineteen goal: C. Chooklantzeff (S.M.P.)
Sixteen goal: R. Bossuet (A.S.F.)
Fifteen goals: Marcus Gaan (Lusitano)
Thirteen goals: R. Favacho (Lusitano)
Eleven goals: M. Karolitch (S.F.X.), E. S. Jacob (J.R.C.)
Ten goals: N. Z. Lee (Tung Hwa), C. Edwards (S.F.X.), W. Ward (S.M.P.)
Nine goals: L. K. Tai (Tung Hwa)
Eight goals: F. Foyn (S.F.X.), E. J. Kidby (P.T.H.)
Seven goals: D. Novgorodoff (S.M.P), H. Cochran (P.T.H.)
Six goals: T. K. Fei and K. H. Huang (Tung Hwa), F. Edwards (S.F.X.), Rosenzweig (J.R.C.)
Five goals: E. Smith (A.S.F.), W. Pettersson (S.F.X.), V. Souza (Lusitano).

Tung Hwa Juniors Win

The Tung Hwa juniors have captured double honours of their division, first by winning the Reserve Cup and then by copping the divisional title. Among the better known juniors are T. K. Fei, P. T. Kao, C. T. Woo, Y. D. Chen, S. K. Sze and C. B. Chang, all of whom have played on the first eleven.....

Other definite champions are the French Forces, who have captured the Second Division title, losing only one game, to the Three Cultures. The soldiers were best served by Vinh, Le Bras, Heloyan, Kinker, Sinh and Flandell. These players took France into the final of the International Cup.....

The British Navy ended their season on Sunday when they met and lost to Three Cultures after leading 1-0 at interval. Reinforced by N. Hart-Baker, former S.R.C. player, the Navy started out well, but lost against the French Forces, Sokol and Russian Regiment. The educated toes of K. S. Suen also proved to be a little too much for the tars and they went down in defeat for the fourth time.....

Three teams failed to end their season, the two 4th Marine teams and Tung Wen. No reason was given for the decision. The 4th "A" started out poorly, but picked up and won two games, one of them against a strong R.A.A. eleven. Their juniors, however, were less lucky and failed to win a single match.....

Season's Crucial Game

The brilliant recovery of P.T.H. at the end of the season and their victory in the Skottowe Cup final against their hereditary rivals, the S.F.X., have filled their partisans with hopes that they will win their remaining match against Lusitano and thus avoid being last in the division. At present, they have a same number of points as the J.R.C., but the latter are above them by virtue of goal average.....

With the International and Skottowe Cups decided, the season's remaining cruicial game is that between the S.M.P. and Tung Hwa. This will be played at the Canidrome on Saturday afternoon and a victory or even a draw will give the championship to the lawkeepers for the first time in many years. A win for the Chinese, however, will see Tung Hwa once again at the head of the League. The chances are that the lawkeepers will continue victoriously. Incidentally, the pillars of the law were last in the First Division last year.....

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Upside Down

This Japanese player made a fine flying tackle on Sunday.

Russian Cup Series To Start Soon

Sokol Favoured to Win For Third Time

Russian teams playing in the League, namely Sokol, Russian Regiment and Russian Athletic Association, are preparing for competition for the Russian Cup, donated by Mr. Sherlaimoff, local Russian engineer and sports enthusiast.

Although the draw was not known yesterday, it was believed that the matches, on a knockout system, would be played as soon as the S.F.A. season ends. Arrangements for the ground are also being made and it is hoped that the games will be played on the Aurora field.

Last year, the competition had five entries: Sokol, Russian Regiment, R.A.A., Aurora Russians and Rest of Russians. The series was won by the Russian Regiment, who first defeated the Rest of Russians and then scored the only goal of the match against Aurora to capture the trophy.

This time it was agreed to limit the entries only to the three teams participating in the S.F.A. League. Sports writers favour Sokol, who have shown up well this season, although the possibility of a Russian Regiment victory is not discarded. In either case, the trophy will be handed for permanent keeping, as both teams won it on two occasions before. The Russian Athletic Association was considered the best Russian team in the League and was given a fine chance of winning the cup, but with Gallunas, one of the best Russian centre-forwards, off the line-up, their chances have greatly diminished.

Squash K.O. Tourneys Now In Interesting Stage

Deciding Tussle in Senior Division Due This Evening; Junior Fixture Undecided

THE junior division of the Squash Racquets Knock-out competition, though it is badly behind date already, will be set further back as the fixture between the Rowing Club "B2" and the Race Club which was to have been held yesterday afternoon at the Rowing Club only saw the three matches being played off. Actually, one match was held on Monday night while two were played last night. However, at the close of yesterday's games the Race Club emerged with a slight margin of the odd match.

The tournament has now advanced to an interesting stage as last night's tussle was to have decided the semi-finalist to meet the Columbia Country Club who suffered their first reverse last week at the hands of the Rowing Club "B1". The two unplayed matches may be held this evening at the same courts and as the two strongest members of the Rowing Club unit will be playing it is generally expected that they will triumph over their respective opposites.

Meanwhile an important clash will be seen this evening when the senior division of the Knock-out competition may be brought to a close. The two finalists, the Race Club and the Foreign "Y", have both agreed to play this deciding game on a neutral court and the match will consequently be held at the Rowing Club premises.

There is every indication of there being five lively matches in view of each point being valuable ones. The Race Club line-up has been slightly reshuffled since their last match against the Country Club and this evening J. W. Pote-Hunt will probably be playing in the leading berth and followed by E. B. Cumine, M. Benavitch, A. V. Striker and J. R. Jacob This is the same quintette and that carried the Jockey through to victory in the senior league this season and although the Foreign "Y" seniors have been considerably strengthed some new blood it is doubtful that they will be able to account for the Race Club.

The Imcas will be represented by D. Green, T. E. Baker, R. G. Berglof, A. V. Striker and S. Ginbourg. As there has been so many upsets during the past fortnight in both the Knock-out and Championship series we may well expected the decision to fall to either one and it will not be a total surprise if the Y.M.C.A. should emerge victorious over the Jockeys. A reasonably certain point for the Foreign "Y" is D. Green who should not encounter much difficulty in disposing of Pote-Hunt while a closer tussle should be seen between T. E. Baker and E. B. Cumine. There is actually little to choose between these two players.

While the Foreign "Y" have an almost sure trick in Green the Race Club also have an ace in M. Benavitch who, in the position of No. 3 is without a peer. It is a foregone conclusion that he will triumph over R. G. Berglof in three straight sets. The issue will, in all probability, be left in the hands of the lower players and it is a toss-up as to who will win. The Jockeys, in view of the winning the league, are conceded an edge in today's encounter.

The detailed scores of last nights matches are:—

Rowing Club "B2" 1; Race Club 1

U. Sdobniloff *v.* G. Talbot unplayed
B. J. Stepanoff beat J. S. Flood 3-1
A. B. Wilkinson *v.* H. F. B. Gardiner unplayed
J. R. Harling lost to L. C. Kew 1-3.
Featherstonhaugh lost to P. Crow 1-3.

Sabotage Suspected

At the foot of the article on the Press trial game, which appeared in yesterday's paper, by some strange chance there was included a paragraph which foully declared that the "Clash of the Century" between the Press and the Referees on Sunday morning would be played at the Race Course. It is firmly believed that this is the result of Fifth Column activity on the part of the Referees, who are so petrified at the thought of facing the mighty Press machine that they are endeavouring to lure the Fourt Estate Combine to the wrong field. The match, of course, will be played at the Aurora University at 10.30 a.m.

Pointers For Punters

Stable Gossip From On and Off the Track

PUNTERS were rather bewildered last week when two outsiders opened the day sadly for them while fear gripped their hearts when from all appearances it seemed that more outsiders would be prominent throughout the day. Luckily for them, however, favourites adjusted themselves and, for the rest of the meeting, ran true to form.

The principal topic of conversation since the Sandown Park Stakes on Saturday is the defeat of Cluniehouse. Opinion is of course very divided. But one thing is certain, Cluniehouse was not at the top of his form when he ran that race and I am sure that he will show much better form the next time out, which, I believe, is this week-end and come what may I do not think there will be anything to touch him, not even Rye. There was some talk about him having a "hot" leg but this is probably not a serious setback as he is not lame. This ailment, however, may develop into lameness if not given the necessary attention.

According to close stable connection I understand that what Cluniehouse actually needs is a couple of gallops to set him in tip top form and fighting fit for the Champions. Judging from Saturday's race I do not think he is far from reaching this condition. The whole stable appears to be fairly fit. (When I say whole stable I included Striker's own ponies as well, Petruska and Dazara.) Just imagine what a nice treble it would have been if Dazara, Dunbeg and Cluniehouse had clicked and won their races instead of running second.

Dazara only lost by a neck to White Lord, while Dunbeg only lost to Faust on the post. It seems that Striker is having more success in the squash courts these days and is making a desperate bid for the junior championship title this year. He fears no one except Joe Jacob the co-owner of Gossip.

Tanda ran into a bit of bad luck last week and was caught between two tides with the result that he came round the bend nearly six ponies wide but with no one between him and the rails. The latest I heard that he is nursing a leg ailment in a hind foot. Not a very serious one but bad enough to keep him off the track this week.

The Frigate, fit as a fiddle, also ran into misfortune on Saturday. Expected to win by his stable connections, The Frigate took hold of the bit at the half mile and pulled himself into the lead with "Dr." E. J. Bell on board but cast a shoe just before turning into the straight. He has cut one leg rather deeply but may be seen facing the barrier again on Saturday. The entire Winsome and Hasty stable is very fit and should do well this spring.

Though these little "X" class subs, the cause of a lot of uncomplimentary comment, may be diminutive, only standing 12 hands and two inches in height, there is no denying that these little devils pack a lot of dynamite. I know of two cases where they have unseated their riders and careered all over the course before being caught. No doubt Vincent Xavier can give a more accurate "eye-witness" account of one incident in which he played an important role.

It seems that he was out for a slow distance gallop and was going along very nicely on a fine free mover who strode out like an Australian (in a smaller way of course). Everything was "hunky dory" until he came to the last furlong mark where the little animal took sudden fright at a moving shadow. Swerving first to the left and then to right and throwing in a couple of healthy bucks for good measure, the pony unseated Xavier who made a very painful two point landing. However, the final score was: Xavier, one dislocated shoulder and bruises in the face; Pony No.?, unhurt, jubilant and triumphant.

S. Godkin owns another little devil who bucked off his riding boy and took to the steeplechase course. After having had a good time jumping a few obstacles and galloping on the golf greens much to the misery of the golfers, he allowed himself to be caught.

I wonder what became of the challenge race which loomed in the offing last week. There was rumours that a three pony challenge race among Steve Brodie, Bobby and White Whiskers was to have taken place last Saturday, but nothing came of it.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

SIR Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, will be guest of honour at the weekly tiffin of the Royal Air Force Association, on Friday at "The Dome."

MEMBERS of the B.W.A. bridge section are reminded that bridge will be played at headquarters tomorrow at 3 p.m. and tables must be booked before 4 p.m., today.

ONE of the new occupations that have arisen since the blitzkrieg is the making of shoes to protect the feet of dogs from broken glass. Cats are supposed to have sufficient wisdom to be able to look after themselves.

At 9.30 p.m. today from XCDN there will be a recital by Ferdinand Adler, one of Shanghai's leading violinists, and the pianist, Henry Margotlinski. They will play Tschaikowsky's violin concert in D Major, opus 35.

MEMBERS of Union Church are reminded of the annual meeting to be held this evening in the Church Hall. There will be a reception from 7 p.m., and supper will be served at 7.30 prompt, after which the business meeting will be held.

THE Einzig orchestral programme today, at tiffin-time from XCDN, which precedes the noon bulletin, includes the Ballet music from Gounod's Faust, selections from Aida and the overture to the "Gypsy Baron" by Strauss.

THE King has a deep admiration for the great organizing powers of the Minister for Home Security, and makes no secret of the fact that he considers that the country as a whole owes a great deal to Mr. Morrison's calm control of the great army of A.R.P. workers.

A male Chinese was injured yesterday morning at 6.45 o'clock when a partly demolished wall at the corner of Chaoufoong and Tongshan Roads collapsed from the strong wind and buried the victim. A call was made to the Fire Brigade and the man was extricated and sent to Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic, suffering from a fractured femur.

A SON was born to Mrs. Mona Bellaire, wife of Mr. Robert Bellaire, manager of the Shanghai Bureau of the United Press Associations, who is en route to the United States on home leave, according to a cable received here today from America. Both the baby and mother are doing well. Mrs. Bellaire is at present in Florida where she gave birth to the boy on March 7.

A TOTAL of 18,417 books were issued by the public library during February against 17,009 for the previous month, a report of the library for the month shows. There were 57 new books added to the library during the month under review and 6,884 persons made use of the reading rooms during the period. The library now has 1,449 subscribers.

A REHABILITATION grant, equivalent to one month's pay and dependents' allowance, will be paid to members of Canadian Naval, Army and Air Services who have been discharged after completing 183 days of active service since the outbreak of the present war. This grant is intended to afford discharged men assistance during that period of their re-absorption into civilian occupations.

THE hobby of collecting articles such as postage stamps, butterfly wings, match folders and such, is a common and world-wide pastime. But, here is one that is definitely Canadian. Professor H. Alexander, an M.A. from Liverpool, and now head of the Philology Department of Queen's University, here, collects "Canadian speech." He delights in queer quirks of speech and in his travels around the Dominion has picked up some rich examples of Canadian dialect.

GENERAL Toshizo Nishio, former Comander-in-chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, sailed from here for Japan yesterday (TUE) morning in the ss. Kobe Maru. He arrived here from Nanking by air Monday morning. He visited the Japanese War Memorial at Tachangtien Monday afternoon and later called on Admiral Shogetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet.

VISCOUNT Gage, who 45 might have boasted a royal title—and, incidentally, history might have had to be "written differently"—had one of his ancestors realized his ambition. Sir William Gage—the baronet who gave his name to the greengage—became a millionaire, on paper, through speculation in Law's wildcat Mississippi Scheme, and at the height of the boom made a bid to purchase the crowns of both Poland and Sardinia. The Sardinian negotiations at least seemed likely to succeed, but the bubble burst, and Sir William, left almost penniless, had to abandon his dreams of founding a royal dynasty.

THREE cases of attempt to suicide were recorded by the Shanghai Fire Brigade yesterday morning the first being at 1.38 a.m. when the ambulance was called out to a Chinese dwelling at the corner of Hart and Sinza Roads. The victim, a Chinese woman, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, suffering from lysol poisoning. A similar case was reported at 2.28 a.m. when another Chinese woman was conveyed to the S.R.R.A. Hospital. The third attempt occurred at 10.17 a.m. and a woman was taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital. Her case was the most serious since she took a very large dose of lysol.

The programme for the 23rd. Sunday Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, at 5.15 p.m., is as follows:—

Soloist: Robert Kohner, Piano.
"Serenade" for Strings only ....Mozart
Allegro; Romanza; Menuetto; Rondo.
"Toccata" in D for Piano and Orchestra .....Respighi
Grave; Andantino; Andante lento; Allegro vivo.
(First Performance)
Soloist: Robert Kohner.
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci.
Symphony No. 5 in E minor "From the New World" .....Dvorak
Introduction (Adagio) and Allegro molto
Largo
Scherzo (Molto vivace)
Finale (Allegro con fuoco)
Deputy-Conductor Prof. Arrigo Foa.

U.S. Navy Planning Base For Expeditionary Vessels

Senate Approves Naval Expansion Bill; Huge Appropriation Measures Passed

Washington, Mar. 11.

THE United States Navy is planning to build a US$400,000 base for "large expeditionary landing boats.....in connection with expeditionary force preparations," it was disclosed here yesterday. The disclosure was contained in a report of Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, which was submitted in connection with the naval authorization bill.

The disclosure came on the heels of Senate passage by a voice vote of the naval bases expansion bill, authorizing limited fortification of Guam and construction work on Atlantic bases acquired from Britain.

Simultaneously the Senate enacted another huge naval appropriations measure and President Roosevelt asked Congress to approve another emergency naval appropriation totalling US$300,841,000.

The Senate enacted the fourth supplemental defence appropriation bill of US$1,533,000,000 which included US$35,000,000 for a naval base at Puerto Rico.

The largest item in President Roosevelt's new request which reached Congress without any advance notice, was US$118,000,000 for emergency acquisition of naval guns and ammunition and also included US$63,000,000 for immediate purchase of twelve more cargo ships to carry fuel supplies and ammunitions.

Senate Passes Guam Bill

Washington, Mar. 11.

The Senate, by a voice vote, yesterday approved the US$242,000,000 naval base expension bill authorizing limited fortification of Guam and construction work on Atlantic bases acquired from Britain.

Senators also unanimously approved the US$10,800,000 authorization bill for naval shore stations.

Guam was only mentioned once during brief debate on the bill. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, asked Senator David I. Walsh, Democrat of Massachussetts, whether "the old controversy over Guam had subsided" and Senator Walsh nodded assent.

Senators, without debate, unanimously approved a resolution asserting the United States would not recognize transfer of any territory in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power.—United Press.

New Bases Approved

Washington, Mar. 11.

Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air-bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed yesterday the $245,228,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "destroyers for bases" deal. The Senate Naval Committee reported that a total of $58,025,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.—Reuter.

Many Values

Apart from repairs, Britain, under the President's plan, could concentrate on new construction, in her own shipyards and send unfinished ships to be completed.

The navy's yards could be used to handle the entire "fitting out" process which, in the case of a battleship, usually takes from 10 months to a year after launching. Latest unofficial information reaching naval authorities here said that Britain now is building nine battleships, six aircraft carriers, 23 cruisers, 16 destroyers, and four sumarines. One report said that five of the battleships have been completed but are not yet ready to join the fleet.

Under the plan, work on ships whose hulls have been finished could be completed in U.S. yards, thus freeing British yards for new work.

U.S. Battleships Building

The United States is building battleships at New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk. Any of these yards is capable of handling a normal sized battleship or aircraft carrier. Work on smaller vessels could be done at Charleston, Puget Sound, Portsmouth, and Mare Island.

British ships operating in the far Pacific could put in at Pearl Harbour if near that base. The navy also has a drydock in the Philippine Islands capable of handling cruisers and large auxiliary vessels.

Pending President Roosevelt's signature on the bill, navy department officials declined to speculate on what use Britain might make of U.S. yards or on what yards would be best suited to handle British work.—United Press.

British Use of U.S. Yards

Great Help to Royal Navy Foreseen in Sharing of Facilities for Repairs

Washington, Mar. 11.

Final congressional approval of the "all-out" aid to democracies (lend-lease) plan—and Presidential signature—will give Great Britain and her allies access to some of the world's finest shipyards, equipped to take care of the largest battleships afloat.

A number of uses might be made of United States Navy yards on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. British ships damaged in air raids or in battle could be repaired in the nearest American yard.

The navy yards at South Boston, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Pearl Harbour, Balboa and Hunter Point, Calif., have drydocks capable of handling warships of any size. The New York navy yard could not take care of Britain's super-ships, such as the Hood and Renown, but its facilities are being expanded.

U.S. Strikes Tie Up Production

Dies Says Action Must Be Taken at Once to Check Nazi, Red Sabotage

Washington, Mar. 11.

Mr. Martin Dies, fiery chairman of the Dies Committee, yesterday demanded that President Roosevelt declare war on Communists who allegedly are sabotaging the United States defence programme by inciting strikes which now threaten to tie up more than US$2,000,000,000 worth of contracts.

Simultaneously, Mr. William C. Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to France, testified before the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee that the American industrial situation today is similar to that which resulted in the downfall of France.

Mr. Dies threatened to take the initiative and introduce legislation to outlaw communist sabotage if President Roosevelt does not act quickly.

Dangerous Sabotage

Mr. Dies urged the President to eliminate Communists and Nazis from all Government services and from leadership in labour unions. Such a course was necessary, he said, "to save the national defence programme from sabotage and avoid the mistakes which led to the downfall of France and other Democracies."

Mr. Bullitt drew an analogy between conditions which prevailed in France prior to the war and present conditions in American industry and the attitude of America in general.

"France had a wonderful war production programme arranged for 1942," Mr. Bullitt said. "France was destroyed in 1940."

Labour disputes yesterday threatened to tie up more than US$2,000,000,000 worth of defence contracts in plants of the United States and the Bethlehem Steel Corporations the nation's largest producers.

Organizing committees for steel workers of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, notified federal officials they would call a walk-out of 9,000 workers in Bethleham's Lackawanna, N.Y., plant "unless President Roosevelt intervenes immediately."

The union charged the company refused to negotiate grievances under terms of the settlement of a 27 hour strike two weeks ago which was negotiated by the Office of Production Management.

Bethlehem holds US$1,500,000,000 worth of defence orders.

Mr. Philip Murray, C.I.O. President, warned the United States Steel Corporation that he planned to terminate the union's contract with the company within 20 days unless union demands were met.

261,000 Workers

The contract covers 261,000 workers and also sets standards for agreements for an additional 400,000 workers.

The union wants a 10 cents an hour wage increase to the 72½ cents an hour minimum now paid. It rejected a company offer of a 2½ cents an hour increase.

Meanwhile, strikes are going on in 23 other plants holding Government orders and also on four Army construction projects. Strike notices were posted on three Ford Motor company plants in Detroit which hold US$154,000,000 worth of defence orders.—United Press.

Antonescu and Il Duce Meet

On the left is General Antonescu, Rumanian "strong man," in conversation with Il Duce, who was once upon a time considered Italy's "strong man." Behind Il Duce is standing Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister, who is now reported to be fighting with the Italian air force. This picture was taken just before the Iron Guard revolt in Rumania, which the Nazis helped General Antonescu to suppress.

Precedents Established in Pan-American Relations

First Inter-American Commodity Quota Pact In History Achieved During Past Year

Washington, Mar. 11.

THE first Inter-American commodity quota agreement in history was achieved in 1940 as a result of the efforts of a war-born agency of economic co-operation among the nations of the Western Hemisphere—the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Committee. Other great economic accomplishments already are in prospect for 1941.

The committee, established by the Panama Conference in September, 1939, climaxed a year of study and deliberation of the Americas' financial and economic problems in November with the signing of a convention whereby the United States and 14 coffee-producing nations of the New World agreed to regulate coffee shipments in order to stabilize the industry.

The convention, without precedent in Pan-American history divided the United States and world markets among the coffee producers of Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

These nations agreed to limit their exports to the United States and to the other markets of the world according to fixed quotas, based on previous normal-year shipments. The United States, in turn pledged itself to limit imports according to these quotas and to further limit its imports from non-American sources.

Major Achievement

This quota agreement, which had a stabilizing effect on the coffee market, already is in effect, although it remains to be formally ratified by several of the participating countries.

Observers of Pan-American developments here regarded the coffee agreement as the economic committee's major achievement not only of 1940, but of its entire period of existence.

Equally important whenever it becomes operative, however, will be the Inter-American Bank which was created by the committee earlier in 1940, but which is inoperative pending ratification of the convention which created it by at least five of the nine nations which signed this agreement.

The bank, a project to which the economic committee devoted about six months, would be capitalized at $100,000,000 with each participating nation to subscribe capital according to its economic ability. The bank would be empowered to make loans, extend credit, deal in foreign exchange and in general perform all customary banking operations necessary to the achievement of the following objectives.

"To promote the fuller exploitation of the natural resources of the Americas, to intensify economic and financial relations among the American Republics and to mobilize for the solution of economic problems the best thought and experience in the Americas."

Bank Convention

The bank convention was signed by the United States, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. No nation has yet ratified it, although it has been emphasized in government quarters here that the project has not been abandoned. It was expected the United States will seek senate approval of the convention at the new session of Congress beginning in January.

The third major achievment of the economic committee in 1940 was the calling of an Inter-American Maritime Conference, which met at the Pan-American Union from November 25 to December 2.

The maritime conference recommended to the Economic Committee a broad programme for improvement of Western Hemisphere ocean transportation facilities, including the establishment of a permanent Inter-American agency to handle maritime problems.

Work was begun in 1940 on numerous other problems affecting the economic life of the American Republics, and looking forward into 1941, the Economic Committee has formed a complex organization of subcommittees to deal with various problems.

Cacao Agreement

A subcommittee on cacao is now studying the possibility of an Inter-American cacao agreement similar to the coffee agreement and it is understood adherence of British empire cacao producing areas will be sought to any Inter-American arrangement. British controlled areas of Africa surpass Latin-America in the production of cacao and rival the Western Hemisphere countries as sources of United States imports of the commodity.

Another subcommittee is seeking ways and means of stabilizing the cotton market in the New World, either by an International agreement to limit exports or by a programme for increasing cotton consumption.

Still another subcommittee is considering the general problem of Western Hemisphere surplusses and a fourth unit of the committee is discussing the recommendations of the Inter-American maritime conference. —United Press.

Dr. Currie Arrives In United States

Leaves at Once by Plane For Washington

San Francisco, Mar. 10.

After more than one month since leaving here carrying President Roosevelt's personal message to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Lauchlin Currie, accompanied by Mr. Emile Despres, official of the Federal Reserve Bank, arrived here aboard the California Clipper at 11 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Currie and Mr. Despres left immediately for Washington by plane. Declining to comment on his trip to Chungking, Dr. Currie declared, "I am saving my impressions for President Roosevelt." He revealed, however, that he had devoted most of his time in Chungking to economic studies.

Dr. Currie disclosed that he had talked with high Chinese officials as well as Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, United States Ambassador to Chungking who was in the Chinese wartime capital during the first part of Dr. Currie's visit prior to leaving for his new post of Minister to Australia.—Domei.

U.S. Army Exceeds 1,000,000 Men

Washington, Mar. 11.

The United States Army passed the 1,000,000 mark yesterday for the first time since the World War. Total strength of the army was officially listed at 1,035,000.—United Press.

Nanking Army Organization

Nanking, Mar. 11.

Chinese forces under direct control of the Military Commission of the Nanking Government comprise 10 divisions, five independent brigades, three independent regiments, and the First Group Army under command of General Li Chang-kiang totalling 30,000 men who joined the Wang Ching-wei camp on February 19, it was revealed today.

These forces were all included in the reorganization of the army, completed recently. The Kiangsu-Chekiang-Anhwei Pacification Army, it was disclosed, has been formed into the First Area Army under General Jeh Yuan-tao. This group was at present cooperating with Japanese forces in Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei Provinces.—Domei.

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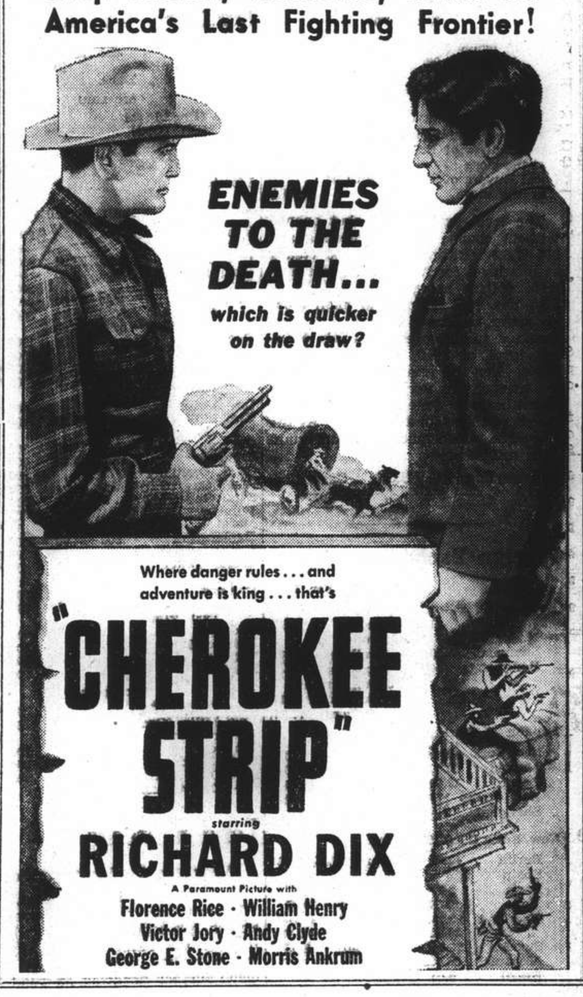

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Pesos 11	100
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Closing rates 3 11/32	5 1/16

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£1 @ 3⅛d.	$ 69.18
U.S. $100 @ 5⅝	$1,777.00
London—demand, $1=	3⅛d.
4 months' sight credits	3⅛d.
4 months' sight docts	3⅛d.
6 months' sight credits	3⅛d.
6 months' sight docts	3⅛d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5⅝
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5⅝
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5⅛

Closing unchanged.

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03¼ U.S. $1=59.52d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

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£	Highest	Lowest
U.S. $	5 1/16	5 1/32

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash	March/April	
£ T.T.	3⅜ 4 m/s. l.c.	3½
U.S.$ T.T.	5⅛ 4 m/s. l.c.	5⅜
Rs. T.T.	13¾ 15 d/s.	19⅛

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23⅜	23⅝
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.03	—
Bombay offtake 125 bars.		

U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for Mar. 10 4.03¼
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.91½
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.92½

The local exchange market opened without change at 3⅝d. sterling and 5⅛ U.S.$. Business continued steady at this level for most of the morning, with dollars being done as high as 5 1/16; but, just before the noon close an easier trend set in and quotations declined to the previous day's opening level of 3⅜d. sterling and 5⅛ U.S.$. For the remainder of the day the market was very dull, with occasional business done at 5 3/32 for dollars, which readily found a buyer. At the close the undertone was uncertain with sellers at:—

3⅜ sterling 5⅛ U.S.$ Cash/Mar.
3⅜ „ 5⅛ „ „ Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Mar. 10.

Bombay T. T. on:			
Japan	81¼	London	1/5 3/32
N. Y. 332¾-332¼		2 mths	
Shanghai	30	„ sellers	1/5 3/32
Hongkong	84¼	„ buyers	1/5 5/32
		Japan 3 mths	
		„ sellers	82¾ N.
		„ buyers	77 N.
London £ Sterling T. T. on:			
New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6 1/16
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 3/32
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 1/16
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2 1/32
Shanghai	3 11/32d.	„ buying	1/2
New York U.S.$ T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.05	Japan	23.45/23.48*
Spain	9.25 N.	Shanghai	5.62
Paris	2.30	Hongkong	24.61
Italy	5.05 N.	Hungary	19.85
S'zerland	23.24	Yugo Slavia	2.30
„ "free"	23.24	Greece	0.68 N.
Sweden	23.84	Finland	2.05
Montreal	85.000	Manila	49.80 N.
Brazil	5.05		
London			4.03¼
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
„ „ „ market rate			23.00
Montreal on London			4.74½

N—Nom. *—Offered.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Mar. 10.	
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1⅛%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3⅛%
Call money		0⅛%
New York:		
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months		0 1/16%B 0 1/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months		0⅛%B 0⅛%A
Call money		1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 11	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.225 S	.225 S
Antamok	.05 S	.05 S
Baguio Gold	.14 X	.14 X
Batong Buhay	.0075X	.0075X
Big Wedge	.22	.22
Coco Grove	.0625X	.0625X
Consolidated Mines	.0018	.0019 S
Demonization	.05 X	.05 X
East Mindanao	.07	.07
I. X. L.	.23 S	.23 S
Ipo Gold	.05 X	.05 X
Itogen	.15	.15
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.09	.09
Mine Operations	.055 X	.055 X
Paracale Gumaus	.285	.27 S
San Mauricio	.30 S	.30 S
Surigao Consolidated	.205 S	.205 S
Suyoc	.0925	.0925
United Paracale	.15 S	.15 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.115 S	.115 S
Manila Hai-Alai	6.90	6.90
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.40 S	—
Turnover (Morning Session):		22,500 Pesos.
Shares Index (Morning Session):		43.81.

X—Sellers. S—Sales.—Reuter.

Jan. Rubber Output

	lb.
Permata Rubber Estate Ltd.	11,565

Silver Quotations

	Mar. 10	Mar. 11
London spot	23⅜d.	23⅜d.
„ forward	23 1/16d.	23 1/16d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Yesterday's market was one of the quietest for some considerable time, with no change of importance to record. Very little interest was shown in any industrial issue, though Shanghai Lands and China Realty showed some improvement. The rubber market was well supported.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
562.56	105.32	General	285.70	—0.89
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	284.97	+1.29

Total 181,803 shares, 50 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance	500	16.30	3000	16.40
3000 16.30				
S'hai Loan	1000	19.50	1500	19.40
500 19.30				
I. I. Trust			1000	23.25
S'hai Securities	1500	5.75	500	5.70
1500 5.65				
China Realty	1000	8.80	2500	8.90
1500 9.00	5000	9.10		
S'hai Land	500	12.20	500	12.30
Dockyards	3400	27.00	3000	*27.25
2000 27.25	200	26.75	200	*26.75
900 *27.00	200	27.00		
Ewo Brewery	500	*7.55	3000	7.50
500 *7.50				
S. & H. Wharf (X.D.)			25	445.00
Wheelock	1600	*94.00	800	94.50
1100 *94.50	100	*95.00	3500	94.00
200 *94.00	300	94.50	1100	*94.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	1200	*41.50	5100	41.50
5700 41.25	900	*41.25	200	*41.50
100 41.50				
Textile	1500	8.80	1500	8.75
1000 8.80				
Worsted	500	5.65	1000	*5.70
4500 5.65				
Tram (Bearer) £1			400	45.00
C. G. Omnibus			100	16.60
Telephone	300	35.00	100	34.75
S'hai Gas (Old)	700	16.10	200	*16.10
100 16.20	100	16.30		
S'hi Gas (New)			100	15.50
Lumber	2200	50.50	600	*50.50
Metal (X.D.)	1400	26.00	900	*26.25
200 26.25	300	*26.00	300	*25.75
200 25.75	700	26.00		
Exploration	6000	24.00	500	23.75
1000 24.00				
Power (Pref)	130	129.25	10	129.50
Anglo Dutch	200	19.70	100	*19.60
200 19.60	800	19.50	100	*19.50
100 19.60				
Anglo Java	1300	40.25	200	40.50
100 *40.50	500	*40.00	300	40.00
1500 39.75	2200	39.50	1500	39.75
Batu Anam			1000	1.44
Cheng	2000	0.78	1000	0.79
Kroewoek			2000	2.80
Langkat	600	28.00	1700	27.75
1300 27.50	200	*27.75		
Padang			2000	2.50
Repah			2000	1.34
Rubber Trust			1500	10.00
Senawang	1000	1.60	1000	*1.60
Tebong			1000	*1.46
Ziangbe	600	23.25	200	*23.25
H. & S. Bank		10	*Hk$	1,345.00
Telephone 6%	Debs.		5000	96.50

ODD LOTS

Tram (Regd.) £1	20	40.00	
Ewo Mills (Ord)	50	41.75	
Yangtsze Finance	200	16.30	
China Realty	100	8.75	
I. I. Trust	100	*23.50	
Worsted	50	5.60	

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance			2500	16.40
S'hai Loan			500	19.30
I. I. Trust	2000	23.25	2000	*23.25
S'hai Securities	500	5.60	500	5.65
China Realty			2000	9.20
S'hai Land	1500	12.50	4000	12.60
4500 12.70	5000	12.50	3500	12.60
500 12.70	5500	12.60		
Dockyards			1200	27.00
Ewo Brewery			3000	7.50
Wheelock	100	*93.50	200	*94.00
200 94.00	700	94.50	300	*94.50
1500 94.00				
Int. Assurance			500	22.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	1700	41.50	400	41.25
100 41.50				
Central Prop.	100	18.00	100	17.80
Worsted	1500	5.70	500	5.65
C. G. Omnibus			300	16.60
S'hai Gas (Old)			300	16.20
S'hai Gas (New)			200	15.50
Lumber			500	50.50
Metal X.D.	3100	26.00	100	*26.00
Exploration	500	*24.00	2000	24.00
Power (Pref)			260	129.50
Anglo Dutch	600	19.70	200	*19.70
Anglo Java	100	40.00	900	39.75
Chemor			2000	2.75
Langkat	1900	26.00	200	*28.00
1300 27.75				
Padang			1000	2.50
Rubber Trust			500	10.00
Tebong			2000	1.48
Ziangbe			200	23.50

ODD LOTS

S'hai Tugs (Pref)	24	*61.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)	36	41.25
Power (Pref)	3	129.75
Worsted	100	5.60
S'hai Land	250	12.40
S'hai Gas (New)	35	15.40

*—Direct Business.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 10.

Interest was mainly centred on British gilt-edged securities, where a little profit taking fractionally reduced earlier gains. Indian stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere, business was confined to small limits.

Among foreign bonds, Czechoslovakian and Australian loans ruled slightly higher.—Reuter.

	Mar. 7	10
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£104½	104⅝
3% Defence Loan	101⅜	101½
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	42	42
4½% Anglo-French Loan	40—44	40—44
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24	24
5% Reorg Loan, 1913	31	31
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	8—10	6—10
5% Honan Rly., 1905	14	14
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	14	14
5% „ „ „ (Ger. Is.)	12	12
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	12	12
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	14	14
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	12	12
5% „ „ G.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	12	12
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	11	11
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	47	47
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	23½	23½
6% Sterling Loan, 1924	26	26
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅝	8¾
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	75	75
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	77 N	77 N
Mercantile Bank of India	11⅜	11¼
National Bank of India	32½	31¾*
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	24	24
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/4½	10/3
B'tish American Tobacco	87/6	87/6
Dunlop Rubber	31/10½	31/9
Imp. Chem. Industries	29/7½	29/6
United Steel	20/9	20/7½
Woolworths	49/7½	49/9
MINES		
Chinese Eng & Min.	17/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	4/-	4/-
Marsman Investments	6/6	6/6
Pekin-Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Sub-Nnight	145/-	140/-
Western Holdings	9/3	9/3
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	31¾	31¼
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	15/9	15/9
London, Midland & Scot.	11⅞	12
S'hai Elec. Construction	12/6	12/6
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Shell Transport & Trad	43/9	43/9

*—Ex dividend. N—Nominal.

Ottawa—Canada's total production of primary asbestos during 1939 amounted to 364,472 short tons valued at C.$15,859,212 as compared with 289,793 short tons valued at C.$12,890,195 in 1938. The 1939 value of sales was the highest ever recorded and the tonnage shipped was only surpassed by that of 1937.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 10.

Firm and more active conditions prevailed on the Stock Exchange today, with quotations generally closing from fractions to over two points up from Saturday's levels.

The early sluggishness was relieved by an occasional spark of activity, with the tendency of the market upward, while the tempo quickened on the advance, on the theory that the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill will ultimately touch off a sharp outburst of Defence spending.

However, uncertainty over Balkan developments and the continuation of labour troubles prevented broad general buying.

The volume of business done totalled 620,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	123.71	121.48	123.64	+2.17
20 Rails	28.20	27.81	28.18	+0.35
15 Utilit.	19.67	19.42	19.57	+0.14
40 Bonds	——	——	90.75	+0.17
11 Commod.	——	——	60.47	+0.91

	Mar. 8	10		Mar. 8	10
Adams Exp	6	6	Libbey O F	35¾	36¼
Alg Laid	21⅞	22¼	Lockheed	23⅜	25¼
Allis Chal	29¼	29⅜	Loew's	31⅜	32¼
Alum Ltd	*73	74¼	Loft Inc	18⅜	19
Amer Can	*84¼	84½	Mack Trks	27⅝	28⅜
Am Cyan B	33⅜	34	Martin	26¼	27⅜
Am For Pr	0⅛	0⅛	McK & R	25¼	25½
„ $7 pfd	17¼	17⅜	Mon Ward	37½	38¼
Am Loco	13⅜	13⅝	Mountain	3	3¼
Am Metal	17⅜	*17⅜	Nat Avian	8⅜	9
Am Radtr	6⅜	6⅝	Nat Cty B	*26½	27
Am R Mill	14¼	14⅜	Nat Dairy	13⅜	13⅜
Am Smelt	40¼	40⅞	Nat Dist	21	21
Am Sug	16⅜	18¼	Nat Lead	*16	16½
Am T & T	161¼	164⅞	Nat P & L	7	7
Am Tob B	68⅞	69¾	Nat Sup	*5½	5½
Am Wtwrks	5⅜	5⅜	N Y Cent	12⅜	13⅛
Anaconda	24⅞	*25⅜	Nlag Hud	2⅜	2⅝
Atchison	23¾	24¼	N A Avian	14⅜	15⅛
Avian Con	3⅜	3⅜	N Am Co	15⅛	15⅝
Bald Loco	14⅜	15⅜	N Pacific	6⅜	6⅜
Balt & O	3⅜	3⅜	O I Glass	44⅛	44⅛
Barber	*8⅛	*8⅛	Pac G & E	26⅝	27⅛
Barns Oil	8	8	Packard	2⅜	2⅜
Bendix	36	36⅛	Pan A Air	12⅜	13⅜
Beth Steel	78⅛	80⅜	Paramount	11⅜	11⅜
Bliss	16⅛	17⅛	Pen R R	23⅜	23⅜
Boeing	16	16⅜	Phil Pet	36⅜	36⅜
Borg War	18⅛	19	P S of N J	*26¾	26⅞
Briggs	22	23	Pullman	24	24½
Budd Mfg	4	4	Pure Oil	7⅛	7⅜
Can Pac	*3⅛	3⅛	Radio	4⅛	4⅛
Case J I	47⅜	48⅛	Reading	14	14⅜
Celanese	*23½	24	Rem Arms	*4⅛	*4⅛
Chase N B	*31	*31⅜	Rep Avian	4	3⅞
Ches & O	39⅛	39⅝	Rep Steel	19	20
Chrysler	66⅛	68	Rev C & B	8⅛	9
Col G & E	4	4⅛	Rey Tob B	32	32½
Col Credit	31	30⅝	Safeway	*38¼	38¾
Com & Sth	0⅛	0⅝	Schenley	9⅛	9⅛
Cons Edis	21⅜	21⅜	Sears Roeb	73	73⅝
Cons Oil	5⅛	5⅛	Shell U Oil	11⅛	11⅛
Cont Can	36⅛	37⅛	Soc Vac	8⅜	8⅜
Cont Oil	18⅛	18⅜	Sthrn Pac	9	9⅛
Copld St	14⅜	15⅛	Sthrn Rly	21⅞	22⅜
Curtis Wr	8⅛	8⅜	Spicer	*33	*33⅛
„ A	27	27⅛	Std Brands	6¼	6⅜
Deere	21	21	Std G & E	*0⅞	*0⅞
Dist Cpn	16⅛	16⅜	Std Oil C	18⅛	18⅛
Douglas	73	76	Std Oil N J	34⅞	34⅜
Du Pont	144⅛	145⅛	Stone & W	6⅜	7
E P Lead	*9	9	Studebaker	6⅛	6⅞
Eaton	32	33	Swift Int	*17⅜	18⅜
Elec A Lite	—	31⅜	Technicor	9	9⅛
Elec B & S	3⅛	3⅛	Tex Con	35	35¼
„ $5 pfd	*52	51⅛	Tex Gulf	35⅜	35⅝
„ $6 pfd	*59½	61⅜	Timken	30⅞	31⅛
Elec P & L	30	31¼	Transamer	4⅛	4⅛
Flintkote	13⅞	14	Tw Cent	6	6⅛
Gen A Tr	50	50	Un B & P	10⅜	11⅜
Gen Elec	33¾	34⅛	Un Car	65⅛	66⅜
Gen Motor	43	43⅜	Un Pac	78	77
Gen Riv	*13⅛	14	Un Air	38⅜	40⅜
Gen T & R	*11⅛	12	Un A Line	13⅜	13⅜
Glidden	12⅜	13⅛	Un Cpn	1⅛	1⅛
Goodrich	17⅝	18⅛	„ $3 pfd	26	26½
„ $5 pfd	61	61⅛	Un Gas	0⅜	0⅜
Goodyear	18⅛	19	Un G Imp	8⅛	8⅛
Gt N I Ore	14⅛	14⅜	U S Ind	*23½	24⅜
Gt N Rly	25	26	U S Rub	21⅛	22⅜
Gt W Sug	25⅜	26¼	„ pfd	90½	91⅛
Grey Cpn	11⅜	11⅝	U S Smelt	*58	56
Her Pow	*69½	*70	U S Steel	57⅞	59⅛
Homestake	45¼	45⅞	Vanadium	27⅛	29½
Int Nickel	25⅛	25⅜	Vultee	6⅛	6⅜
Int Paper	14	14⅛	Walworth	*4	5⅛
Int T & T	2⅛	2⅛	War Br Pic	*2⅛	3⅛
Johns M	*56⅛	58	West Elec	*94⅜	97⅜
Kennecott	33	33⅜	Woodward	27½	*28

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	55½	56
Australia Comm.	59⅞	58⅞
Balt. & Ohio "A"	43½	44⅝
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	19	19
„ „ „ 6½% 1957	16½	16½
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	90⅜	90½
Erie 5s 1967	18⅜	19½
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44½	45⅜
New England Gas & Elec.	*62¾	63¼
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	46⅞	47⅜
Stand. Gas & Elec.	79	79¼

*—Bid. —Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices advanced broadly on an increased volume today, following the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill, which is expected to start heavy new defence orders. Business news included: continued high steel operations; United Aircraft 1940 not earnings of $4.94 per share, against $3.53 per share; and, Phillips Petroleum not of $2.61 per share against $2.21 per share.

Stocks:—The current rally is resulting from a sold-out condition, and it seems likely to continue. However, it may meet with resistance in the 125.00-127.00 area of the Dow-Jones Industrial Average. The "Times" Index of business activity was 122.6, against the revised figure of 121.6 for last week and 101.4 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

STATISTICS

	Week Comm. 10/3	Week Comm. 3/3
Steel Mill Activity (Amer. Iron & Steel Inst.'s estimate)	98.8 (per cent. of capacity)	97.5

EARNINGS

Stock	Period	1940	1939
Texas Gulf Sulphur	Yr. 31/12	$2.38	$3.04
Southern Pacific	January	1,043,050 i	1,274,000 L

i—net income. L—net loss.

Cotton:—Mill activity is the highest recorded in many years. There is a growing belief that a high Government loan is broadening trade and speculative demand. Bombay is a heavy buyer here.

Wheat:—The belief prevails that the Lease and Lend Bill will stimulate exports, and the expectation of a higher loan had a steadying effect. The visible decrease is placed at 1,844,000 bushels.

Corn:—Ruled steady. The visible increase is listed at 627,000 bushels.

Rubber:—The reported conversion of 35 Danish ships to American operation and that the Netherlands East Indies will give preference to rubber, tin and manganese slowed the advance, but this disclosed no weakness.

Hides:—Followed the advance of "spot" and reports that the Government contemplates a reserve supply of 3,000,000 pairs of shoes.

Cocoa:—Russia is reported to be buying "spots."

Sugar No. 4:—Declined on scattered liquidation.

S'hai Land Investment Dividend Recommended

The directors of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. announce that, subject to audit, there is available for appropriation $4,091,250.97. This includes $590,224.01 brought forward from 1939. It is intended to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting that this sum be dealt with as follows:—

Transfer to general reserve	$2,250,000.00
Transfer to bad debts reserve	30,000.00
Transfer to improvements and special repairs reserve	100,000.00
Transfer to Chinese staff retirement reserve	25,000.00
Pay a dividend of 6 per cent.	1,001,880.00
Carry forward to new account	684,370.97
	$4,091,250.97

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 10.

The New York cotton market early sharply advanced on continued Bombay, mill and speculative buying. Later, the advance was accentuated on a broadening of trade demand and in sympathy with a firm stock market. Some profit taking was noted on the scale-up, but offerings were promptly absorbed. At the close, quotations ranged from 23 to 33 points up from the previous final levels.

Quiet but firmer conditions were witnessed in the market for raw rubber futures, with the trade and factories continuing to display undiminished interest, despite assurances given that rubber was one of the first on the Netherlands East priority list and that arrangements were being made to counteract against any scarcity of freights. At the call over, gains from 15 to 24 points were recorded.

The Chicago Wheat Pit presented a nervously firm appearance, with quotations advancing on general buying, covering and in sympathy with the improvement of securities. Sporadic profit taking was quickly absorbed. The progress of the Lend and Lease Legislation and continued agitation for higher Government loan rates were additional bullish influences. At the final bell, gains from 1 to 1¼ cents were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	10.77-77 +24	May	21.39-40 +24
May	10.73-74 +23	July	(N.C.)
July	10.73-75 +23		20.75-75 +15
Oct.	10.61-61 +30	Sept.	(N.C.)
Dec.	10.60-60 +33		30.35B-40A +20
Jan.	10.58 N. +33	Dec.	(N.C.)
			20.15 N. +20

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
May	2.31-32 +01 B/A	May	0.73-74 —1 B/A
July	2.35-36 +01 B/A	July	0.77-78 —1½ B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	86¼-86⅛ +1	May	62⅛-62¼ +¼
July	83½-83⅜ +1¼	July	62⅜-62⅜ +⅜

New York Silk No. 1

May 2.73-73 +02

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 10.

Firm conditions prevailed in the London tin market today, with sellers reserved due to the firmness of Eastern and New York advices.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 13⅜ unc; sellers 13¾ unc; April del. buyers 13⅜ unc; sellers 13½ unc.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 8.35 +4; May 8.36 +4; July 8.37 +4; Oct. 8.31 +4. Egyptian Futures: Giza, F.G.F. No. 7, No. 2 Contract: Mar. 11.08 unc; May 11.07 unc; July 11.03 unc; Nov. 11.05 unc.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, middle price £269⅛ +2; 3 mths, middle price £268⅜ +2.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H.	p.b. Cash	$1,380	
Tungchow cotton ..	per picul	223	
Shanghai cotton	per picul	209	
Raw silk Steamfil, 20/22	78%	$5.100	
		Nominal	
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)		$25.00	
Flour, imported per bag (49lb.)		32.00	

London Bullion

London, Mar. 10.

London Gold: Bar. Fine, per oz...168/- unchanged.

London Silver: Market ruled very quiet, with practically no business passing. After the official fixing, the market remained very quiet but steady without any business passing.

Spot	23⅜d. unch.
Forward	23 1/16d. unch.

Reuter.

Lend-Lease Bill Passage Boosts Market

New York, Mar. 10.

The stock market today advanced fractions to more than two points as increased trading followed Senate passage of the lend-lease bill which is expected to touch off heavy orders for defence industries.

Meanwhile, some experts believe the past week has given the market another real test, while many foresee a further rise before the real break comes. The performance of rails was cited as a favourable factor—last week it was the one major group to register a small advance.

The market is watching the labour situation as never before, anticipating action to lessen the number of strikes.

Besides Senate passage of the lend-lease bill, other factors contributing to the market advance included favourable corporation news, especially from the steel industry, coupled with indications the Securities and Exchange commission is attempting to appease Wall Street in order to facilitate the sale of United States Government bonds to pay for the defence programme.

In the meantime, wheat advanced more than one cent a bushel while some cotton options made gains of over US$1. Cotton, cottonseed oil, black pepper, hides, silk, and domestic sugar made new seasonal highs. —United Press.

Iron Ore Found in Chushan Islands

A vein of iron ore containing 60 per cent. of iron has been discovered at Jueshan Island among the Chushan Islands as result of investigations conducted by experts sent from the Tokyo Imperial University at the request of the Central China Iron Ore Company, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday morning.

Peace and order have been greatly restored in the Chushan Islands, notorious as a den of Chinese pirates, through the unyielding efforts of Mr. Kwano Kotani, President of the Shanghai Thought and Culture Research Institute, who has been engaged in pacification activities in these islands, the paper added.

London's Markets For Commodities

Steps Taken to Relieve Surplus Problems of French Cameroons

London, Jan. 25.

Several moves taken this week may relieve the overseas commodity surplus problems. The British Government has agreed to buy the entire crops of the French Cameroons of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, ground nuts and part of the crops of bananas and coffee. The Cameroons lost all of their markets following the defeat of France and this has caused serious economic difficulties within the colony and exercised strong pressure on prices elsewhere. The agreement was supplemented by an arrangement between Britain and the Belgian Congo securing the closest co-operation and creating a basis for British purchases on the same principles as those with British colonies. To relieve the economic difficulties in the Congo Britain plans to buy the entire surplus crop of palm kernels, palm oil and cocoa and certain other products. Simultaneously Britain takes 126,000 tons of Congo copper annually and acquires the entire Congo gold production of about 500,000 ounces annually, says Mr. Henry Heyman in the "New York Times."

Most of the acquisitions are not required by Britain. Some of the stores are to be used to supply liberated Europe after the war and part may be destroyed for lack of adequate storage facilities and because of shipping difficulties.

The free Dutch Government has announced a food and raw material storage plan covering six months' requirements to be shipped to the Netherlands after liberation. The Dutch buying commissioner, Mr. Van Stolk, is en route to the United States and will establish a buying office in New York. Where possible the purchases will be contracted in the Dutch and British Empires, but the American continent also will benefit greatly. Most of the orders will be placed in the open market. Part of the Dutch dollar proceeds from tin and rubber sales are likely to be used for acquisitions of American raw materials. Moreover, part of the Dutch Government funds held in the United States will be made available for the purchases.

Meanwhile the British Government is actively continuing to store parts of British Empire surpluses, particularly wheat, for the supply of Europe after the war, thereby preventing distress offerings in the open market.

Copper Surplus Relieved

British purchases of Congo copper together with United States purchases of Chile copper are said to be relieving the international copper surplus problem. The world output of copper advanced from 1,000,000 tons in 1914 to 2,500,000 in 1940. Europe imports normally about 600,000 tons of copper a year, while Britain contracts for its purchases almost exclusively from British Empire producers. Consequently the Chilean and Congo producers were left last year without adequate markets. The new arrangements between Britain and the Congo and the United States and Chile partly relieve selling pressure, but do not remove it entirely. Meanwhile the British-Congo agreement will give to the United States refineries expanding treatment orders. The refinery capacity in the Congo is not adequate to treat the entire output and normally a large part of Congo ore is treated at

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. Hoten Maru, of the D.K.K., sailed for Tsingtao and Dairen yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, after a 36-hour stay in port. The liner was docked at the company's Whangpoo Wharf.

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The ss. President Pierce, of the American President Lines, sailed for Los Angeles, via Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco last night at 7.30. The big liner came here from Hongkong and Manila.

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The ss. Kobe Maru, of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, sailed on her return trip to Nagasaki direct yesterday morning at 8.30, carrying mail and passengers. The vessel arrived here on the previous afternoon, tying up at the company's Wayside Wharf.

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The ss. Shanghai Maru, of the T.K.K., is due to enter port from Nagasaki tomorrow afternoon at about 3 o'clock, when she will berth at the company's Wayside Wharf. The liner will stay here overnight only, sailing again for Japan on Thursday morning at 8.30.

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The ss. Dairen Maru, express liner of the D.K.K., operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, docking alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, will remain here until tomorrow morning, when she will sail again for the north at 9 a.m. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 8 o'clock tonight and 7.15 tomorrow morning, respectively. Outgoing passengers are requested to embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Bombay		From Karachi	
London M	— 22/3	Haruna M	— 20/3

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Seattle	
Vincent	— 13/3	C'brook	20/2 19/3
Dona Nati	— 15/3	C Alava	10/3 26/3
P Grant	— 25/3	Capillo	10/3 4/4
Hokkai M	— 25/3	From Honolulu	
P Jackson	— 26/3	Yawata M	5/3 24/3
H'roku M	— 10/4	From Manila	
From Los Angeles		Nitta M	8/3 13/3
Yawata M	24/3 24/3	From Kobe	
Asama M	10/3 7/4	Taiyo M	12/3 14/3
		From Nagasaki	
		S'hai M	12/3 13/3

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen		From Hongkong	
T'tao M	12/3 14/3	Nitta M	11/3 13/3

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated

For Capetown		For Manila	
P Grant	26/3	Satartia	12/3
P Jackson	27/3	Smolny	13/3
For New York		Dona Nati	17/3
Venice M	16/3	Coldbrook	21/3
Dona Nati	17/3	Yawata M	25/3
Hokkai M	26/3	P Grant	26/3
P Grant	26/3	P Jackson	27/3
P Jackson	27/3	Asama M	8/4
Awata M	28/3	For Hongkong	
Hokuroku M	11/4	Satartia	12/3
For Los Angeles		Dona Nati	17/3
Nitta M	14/3	P Grant	26/3
Venice M	16/3	P Jackson	27/3
Dona Nati	17/3	For Yokohama	
Kamakura M	21/3	Nitta M	14/3
P Taft	22/3	Kamakura M	21/3
Hokkai M	26/3	Haruna M	21/3
P Grant	26/3	For Kobe	
Yawata M	4/4	Taiyo M	17/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	For Nagasaki	
For Seattle		Kobe M	12/3
Satartia	12/3	Shanghai M	14/3
Coldbrook	21/3	Nagasaki M	15/3
Cape Alava	28/3	For Dairen	
Capillo	7/4	Dairen M	13/3
		Tsingtao M	16/3
		Hoten M	19/3

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Hoshun	Tientsin	Tai Ping
Tsengyuan	Tsingtao	Showa S.
Tenryugawa M.	Tsingtao	Showa S.
Satartia	Japan	Everett
Asahi M.	Japan	K.U.K.
Sovet	Vladivostok	Union S.S.
Heilohow	Takao	T.K.K.
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.

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ss. DAIREN MARU ..		Mar. 19	Mar. 21 at 9 a.m.

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Nitiren M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.
Pres. Pierce	Am.	A.P.L.

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Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
D de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B
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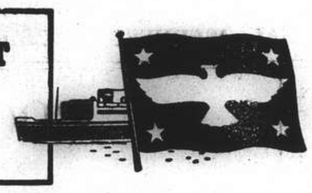

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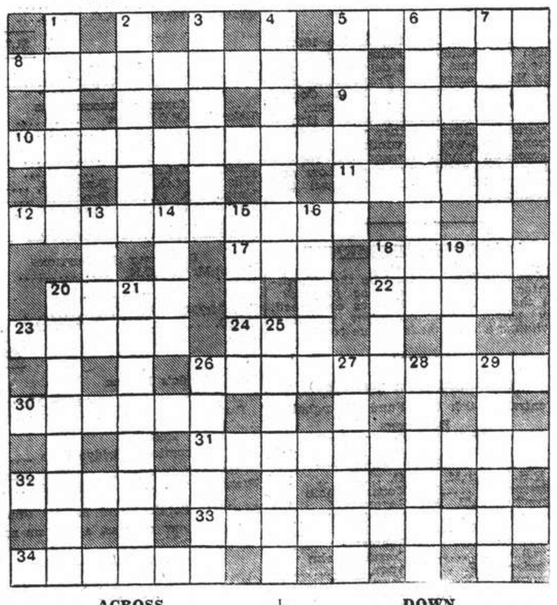

ACROSS

5 Match that may fire thousands (6)
8 Poet who gave value of language? (10)
9 Overseas sailor-way (6)
10 Morn gilder provides today's miss (two words—6, 4)
11 A feature in Southend earlier (6)
12 Bill's winder-up (10)
17 Some time back (3)
18 Beyond the S.E. it's on the coast (5)
20 Many hurried for some fish (4)
22 Exceedingly plain in clever youths (4)
23 One of the cat's tails? (5)
24 Mixed with 17 across would make a hearse (3)
26 Even a poor marksman might make good shooting at this (two words—5, 5)
30 Strong shelter the telephone men work under? (6)
31 All the performer knows (10)
32 Few annoy, but in manly fashion (6)
33 Acquitted without a stain (10)
34 The shock of a sudden meeting (6)

DOWN

1 The doctor got up, very glum (6)
2 Escape ends arrival (6)
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DEATHS

HART-BAKER.—On March 11, 1941, at the Shanghai General Hospital, HENRY WALTER HART-BAKER, dearly beloved husband of Nancy Hart-Baker and father of Norman and Iris. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. (Hongkong and Tientsin papers please copy.)

BURT.—On Tuesday, March 11, 1941, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, WILLIAM WATSON BURT, aged 25 years, of The American School Faculty. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held to-morrow, Thursday, March 13, 1941, at The Community Church, 58 Avenue Petain at 4 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

MAY CAROLINE THOMPSON.—In ever-affectionate memory of our darling MAY, who fell asleep on March 11, 1937.—*"Until we meet again, sweet one."*

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MARCH

12 'XCDN Calling' Lyc., Theatre 9 p.m.
12 Customs Holiday (Death of Sun Yat-sen, 1925)
12 Russian revolution broke out (1917)
12 The Pope crowned (1939)

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

13 For. Y. Debate-"Reincarnation vs Christian View of Life" 9 p.m.
13 'XCDN Calling' Lyc., Theatre 9 p.m.
13 British United Services Association Annual General Meeting at 'The Dome' at 5.30 p.m.
14 K. A. Persen, broadcasting XMHA, 9
15 Art Exhibition M. Brenner. Open daily at Modern Homes, 869 Bubbling Well Road.
16 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc 5.15
16 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
16 Purim Ball Arcadia 9 p.m.
17 Cathedral Organ and Piano Recital

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NOTIFICATION.

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1940.
To declare dividend.
To elect Directors and Auditors.
To transact the ordinary business of the Company.

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Dated March 11, 1941.

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(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.
(2) To elect a Director.
(3) To re-elect Auditors.
(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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„ (miles per hour)	29.9	24.9	28.6	16.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	67.6°	60.6°	45.9°	41.5°
Humidity (per cent)	84	91	92	87
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	8	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	0.12	0.01

Siccawei Abridged Report Mar. 10	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.80	—0.18	30.17
Temp. min. 51.8° Max. 72.0°	61.9°	+5.5°	44.8°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	8.16	0.06	5.41

Time and Tide	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.09	6.08	6.07	6.05	6.04	6.03	6.02
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.00	18.00	18.01	18.02	18.02	18.03	18.03
Moon rises at Shanghai	16.46	17.53	19.00	20.08	21.15	22.21	23.24
Moon sets at Shanghai	5.00	5.43	6.26	7.09	7.54	8.40	9.29
Flood makes Shai. (day)	9.41	10.25	11.11	11.43	12.29	13.06	13.50
Ebb makes Shai. day)	15.15	15.55	16.27	17.00	17.33	5.55	6.40
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	11.50	12.35	13.10	13.40	14.20	15.00	15.40
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.98	8.40	9.08	9.30	9.00	8.66	8.33

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 10th:—High and steady pressure over Japan: low over China with a depression crossing Hupeh eastward. Fresh south-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy, milder and hazy weather.

State on the morning of the 11th:—Overcast, colder weather with fresh to strong north-westerly winds owing to the depression having crossed our regions during the night, eastward. Low and rapidly rising pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

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(Continued from yesterday)

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Swatow	*20.00	9.15
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WANTED amah, for afternoons. Recommended, speaking English. Mottek, 488 Yuyuen Road, House 10, 2-7. -3775

WANTED, first-class amah for girl three years old. Telephone Mr. Ruf, Eastman Kodak Co. 11380

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EXPERIENCED house-boy avaialble immediately. Please telephone 78200 before 9 a.m. 11365

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BABY amah available immediately. Highly recommended. Mrs. Mant, Telephone 30132. -3691

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VACUUM cleaner, import goods, excellent condition, bargain, demonstration without obligation. 24 Bund, Room 35. 11062

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NOTICE is hereby given that the four delivery orders No. 9712/3/4 and 9716 issued by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in favour of the undersigned for 4 cases linen piece goods marked LB & CO/6452/Shanghai Nos. 38, 39, 40 and 42, have been lost and are hereby declared null and void. L. Beswick & Co. -3750

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. Saey Kong has notified the undersigned of the loss of Delivery Order No. 10436 issued in their name and dated May 3, 1940 calling for a balance of two cases Piece Goods stored in our Canton Road Godowns. This Delivery Order is declared null and void. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Shanghai, March 11, 1941. 11389

Radios

TELEFUNKEN Super Tosca, with special cabinet and record player, $800. Address Box 1925, NCDN. -3760

We hire, sell, buy, exchange and repair radios. Universal Radio Co., 280 Kiangse Road, telephone 11995. 11112

THE sensational 1941 world receiver: 6 RCA tubes, American parts, deluxe cabinet, full guarantee, US$14.50; local receiver, 5 American tubes, $150; all modern improvements. Repairs by European experts. Condor Radio Factory, 1550 Avenue Joffre, 74060. -3045

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PART of shop to let, centre French Concession. Suitable for haberdashery. Box 1913, NCDN. -3756

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